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Democratic education set-up endorsed at AJCS meeting

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL-

A breakthrough resolution unanimously adopted at the Allied Jewish Community Services annual meeting and community conference calls for a central body for Jewish education based on "democratic" principles with elected representatives.

Bernard Shoub, resolution promoter and president of the Association for the Advancement of Jewish Education acknowledged the breakthrough as "momentous and progressive," but cautioned that those elected to the proposed central board must remain accountable to the community-at-large and not merely to the organizations they represent.

Since the executive committee and board of trustees of ACJS had already passed a resolution four weeks ago approving in principle that AJCS should support Jewish education in Montreal, the added stipulation of a new democratic body which would govern the administration of funds to Jewish schools, becomes the new crux of the whole affair.

Accordingly, a June 5 meeting has been called to determine the best structure, and every organization interested in Jewish education will be invited to attend and speak their piece.

Urged AJCS President Charles Bronfman: "Let's get all factions out in the open and start out right this time."

However, the battle for change in the direction of democratization is not yet over, and yet other segments of the community are demanding to be heard.

(In an interview, Bronfman labelled as "unfair" a series of articles in **The Canadian Jewish News** critical of AJCS's method of operation. He denied his organization and Congress were in a power struggle.

(Bronfman complained about vested interest in AJCS, but stressed that the constitution nevertheless gives adequate representation to agencies in the decision-making process. He said the leadership has to live within the rules of the constitution. "My idea of democracy is let the people elect their government, then let the leader lead . . . not every decision can be sent to a referendum.")

At an Eastern Region executive meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress held the night before the AJCS annual meeting, a somewhat different and even more pointed resolution on Jewish education, drafted by the Montreal Labor Zionist Council, representing Pioneer Women's Organization, Farband Labor Zionist Alliance and Habonim Labor Zionist Youth, was adopted.

It called for the necessary funding for Jewish day schools to be provided as a top priority by the Combined Jewish Appeal -- the fund-raising arm of AJCS as distinct from the rest of the agency.

This means granting of money for Jewish education would no longer be the decision or perogative of AJCS alone but would become the decision of a complete cross-section of the community.

The structure envisaged by the Labor Zionists is an

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Adversaries talk on Beth Tzedec

The Canadian Jewish News, just prior to going to press Tuesday, received a telephone call from Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, who issued a statement on the Beth Tzedec controversy. **The CJN** then called Congregation president Dr. Fred Weinberg, who replied to Rabbi Rosenberg, who is now in Israel.

Here are the statements:

RABBI ROSENBERG:

"**The Canadian Jewish News**, quoting the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has correctly given the facts as are well known to all who intimately know the facts concerning the controversy between Beth Tzedec and myself, namely that Rabbi Rosenberg has agreed to arbitration without conditions, but the board of Beth Tzedec did not.

Rabbi Judah Nadich, rabbi of Park Avenue Synagogue and president of the 1,200-member Rabbinical Assembly, was correctly quoted as saying Rabbi Rosenberg agreed to arbitration without conditions, but the board of governors of Beth Tzedec did not.

Any person must realize that one cannot prejudge the conclusion of an arbitration when one of the basic issues of the dispute concerns the matter of the pulpit itself. If I was wrongfully dismissed and the arbitration were to find that I was indeed wrongfully dismissed, then it is clear that the pulpit has been filled before arbitration could determine any valid conclusions concerning my rights to the Beth Tzedec pulpit.

By hastily rushing against the massive moral opposition of over 1,000 North American rabbis who demanded the pulpit not be opened in order not to prejudge any arbitrations in advance, Mr. Albert Gellman and Dr. Fred Weinberg have made it clearly known to me and all others that all so-called claims on their part -- past, present and future, to settle this case by binding arbitration or negotiated settle-

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DR. WEINBERG:

"Rabbi Rosenberg's voluntary statements to the press must be evaluated in the light of the action he has chosen to take -- that is, the initiation of a multi-million-dollar lawsuit against Beth Tzedec Congregation and 20 individual members. This was done without any initial attempt on his part at arbitration or resolution by any rabbinic body. Beth Tzedec however, prior to Rabbi Rosenberg's dismissal, did appeal for help from the Jewish Theological Seminary and its chancellor, Rabbi Gerson Cohen. Before there was any real time for him to act, writs were issued by Rabbi Rosenberg in a matter of days.

It was the board of governors of Beth Tzedec who initiated the move towards arbitration rather than court action. And this board has fully agreed, unlike Rabbi Rosenberg, to abide by the arbitration decision. Therefore Rabbi Rosenberg's statement to the press is incorrect. Rabbi Rosenberg agrees to arbitrate only the lawsuit against the congregation and not any of the lawsuits issued against the individuals. Since the same evidence would be exposed to the general public unless all the issues are dealt with out of court, it is considered a chillul hashem by many not to keep all the issues out of the public eye.

The action of the Rabbinical Assembly in expelling two rabbis whose crime it was to preach at Beth Tzedec and teach a sabbath afternoon shiur can only be understood in light of the

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Newcomer from Russia (at top) is shown arriving in the holy land carrying a torah, which, for Russians, was a symbol of freedom in captivity. The weariness on the faces of these Soviet immigrants on the way to Israel from Austria (below), reflects the months of struggles and dangers inside the Soviet Union, while trying to obtain their exit visas.

UIA will hear Meron, Ben-Ari

TORONTO -

Fund raisers from all parts of Canada will gather here June 8 and 9 to participate in the annual meeting of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Thomas Hecht, UIA national president, has announced.

The annual meeting at the Airport Hilton Hotel will review activities of the corporation over the past year and formulate plans for 1974 campaign activities throughout Canada.

It will also receive the financial reports and elect directors for the ensuing year.

The 1 1/2 day gathering will be highlighted by a political address by Theodor Meron, Israel ambassador to Canada.

A gala conference dinner on Saturday evening will feature Mordechai Ben-Ari president of El Al Israel Airlines Limited.

El Al has achieved its highest profits and load factors during the presidency of Ben-Ari, as well as a major expansion of its route network. This will be the

Mordechai Ben-Ari

first visit of El Al's president to Canada.

Hecht has called on fund raisers throughout the country to be present at this annual meeting - the first gathering of its kind since

In light of the grave social welfare problems besetting Israel in the aftermath of the war, I wish to stress how important it is for campaign leadership to gather in order to formulate programs to meet these great needs," he said.

Trudeau says...

'I'm sick at heart'

Text of message from Prime Minister Trudeau to Prime Minister Meir:

I am sick at heart, as are all Canadians, at the savagery which occurred in your country. When the lives of innocent young children are dealt with so callously it is difficult to summon language adequate to describe one's emotions. The instant reaction is overwhelming shock and sorrow, then revulsion and horror. Men and women everywhere feel instinctively that a human race which tolerates activities of this sort cannot survive in civilized fashion.

Every Canadian parent grieves today for those mothers and fathers whose children have been torn from them so brutally. To them I hope you will communicate our sincere sympathy and our pledge that the Canadian government will not cease in its efforts to contain and terminate terrorist activity. What happened yesterday in Israel can happen tomorrow anywhere.

No grievance, no complaint, no historic problem, can possibly justify such acts. Nor, as has been demonstrated amply in the past, can retaliation provide certainty that these cowardly acts will not reoccur. We must all work to ensure that terrorism of innocents not be regarded anywhere as an acceptable instrument of political expression. Terrorism, like piracy in years gone by, must be eliminated. Civilization cannot endure if terrorism, with all the indecent consequences of suffering and retaliation and vindictiveness, continue. Terrorism leads to a circle of hatred which threatens to plummet the entire human race in a downward spiral of self-destruction.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Abe Silver to be honored at Hebrew U. function

TORONTO -

President Avraham Harman will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Wednesday evening, May 29 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

One of the highlights of the program will be the presentation of an honourary fellowship to Abe Silver, a long-time student of Judaica, who is the owner of one of the finest collections of Judaica in the country.

Silver, a retired pharmacist has attended the Hebrew University as a mature student and has over the years contributed volumes from his collection to the Jewish National and University Library, as well as establishing a number of Endowments in memory of both Jews and non-Jews who have contributed to Jewish survival and culture.

Demonstrate concern for Sylva Zalmanson

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO -

A roster of distinguished Jews and non-Jews recently braved uncertain weather to demonstrate in Nathan Phillips Square their concern for Sylva Zalmanson, one of 48 Jewish Prisoners of Conscience in Soviet prison camps.

The meeting, centred on a symbolic prisoner's lunch, was organized by the Group of 35 -- an offshoot of Women for Soviet Jewry.

"Our purpose is to focus world concern on the Prisoners of Conscience by means of demonstrations and vigils," co-chairwoman Dody Rudson told **The Canadian Jewish News**. Like other members of the group, she was garbed in black with a yellow sash.

Songs of the Russian-Jewish underground echoed incongruously across the square as the lunchtime strollers ate their sandwiches by the fountains. The sun shone down fitfully on a tin plate containing a sample of the meagre fare doled out to prisoners in Soviet camps. The wind whipped across a placard reading "Sylva is alive but not well -- send her to Israel."

Sylva Zalmanson, her husband Eduard Kuznetsov and her two brothers, were arrested in June 1970 on charges of attempted hijacking. Their real crime was their desire to immigrate to Israel. Sylva was sentenced to 10 years on strict regime in the notorious camp of Potma, 300 miles south of Moscow. Her husband was sentenced to death but his sentence was subsequently commuted to 15 years hard labor. Sylva's brothers were given 8 and 10 year sentences on strict regime. Although both husband and wife are at Potma, they may not see each other and are permitted to exchange only two letters a month. Recently, Sylva has been permitted to receive two visits a year from her father who reports on her worsening condition.

Sylva was pregnant when she entered Potma and miscarried shortly thereafter. During childhood she suffered from a tubercular condition and is now afflicted with a recurrence of this disease. She has lost the sight of one eye and is suf-

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Parents, youngsters make walkathon $100,000 success

By LEWIS LEVENDEL and MICHAEL BARRIS

TORONTO -

The fifth annual UJA walkathon turned into a family affair Sunday as hundreds of parents joined their blue-jeaned youngsters in taking on the 22-mile course.

Streams of happy, hand-holding families left Lawrence Plaza at 8:10 a.m. in perfect walking weather in an attempt to complete the long trek downtown and back to the Northern YMHA on Bathurst St. The estimated 5,000 walkers were expected to raise $100,000 for the UJA.

All age groups were well represented -- from five-year-old Aaron Michael Tomlin, who finished the walk at 7:30 p.m., to Selma Plaut, 85-year-old mother of Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who managed a couple of miles.

At the Wells Hill Park checkpoint, Jules Faibish, 32, pointing to his children Kevin, 10, and Tina, 8, said he was walking "because I'm their father. Walking here today should be regarded as a family thing. It's important they understand they are a part of the Jewish people."

Ernie Levy, walking with Michael, 8, and Lorne, 6, said, referring to the Maalot slaying: "It's difficult not to take the walk as a personal thing when you have Jewish kids of your own."

Julian Croft, 39, a history teacher at George Harvey Secondary School and a Jewish history teacher at Temple Har Zion school, said his family was walking because it was good exercise -- both spiritually and physically.

"Walking first identifies you as a Jew by your being here with other Jews for a Jewish cause," he told **The Canadian Jewish News**.

"Then, it also represents a physical way of showing you are a Jew."

"It's the least a Jew can do," said Croft, walking with his sons Gary, 11, Steven, 8, and their friend Jeffrey Fruitman, 12.

At the City Hall checkpoint, hundreds of marchers took time out to eat their lunch, grab a snack, powder their feet or dip them in the pool there.

Bella Uchitel, one of the many recent Soviet newcomers who were taking part in the walkathon, said she was enjoying the day very much. "In Russia, nothing like this could ever take place," she observed. Accompanying her was husband George and son Anatoli.

Philosophy Professor Emil Fackenheim, accompanied by son David, 9, came into City Hall after 12 noon. David expressed optimism he would finish the walk for the first time.

Phyllis Rash and son Brian, 12, had pledges totalling $100 for completing the walk. Mrs. Rash said she observed many more adults in this year's walk.

"Lots of adults go because they want to encourage their kids, but I think lots of kids shame their parents into it."

She complained of the lack of provision for litter along Spadina Avenue where she saw orange peels and potato chip bags on lawns. The only litter containers from the South 'Y' checkpoint on Bloor to City Hall were city garbage tins, she said.

Regarding the number of participants in the walk, an Israeli observed to a UJA official: "Israelis should see this. It would hearten them to see such support."

However, there was a scarcity of older teenagers and young adults in the walk although a few worked as volunteers. If the number of teenagers who attended the fireworks display the following night at Forest Hill Park had been at the walkathon, there would have been 2,000 more participants.

Volunteer Cindy Levine, 16, said the walkathon needed "something different" to attract the teenagers. Melissa Weinstein, 16, complained that people are tired of the same route.

The walk had been postponed from a week ago when bad weather kayoed it. The rescheduling to the holiday weekend meant fewer volunteers were available compared to other years. But many such as G. Maysels had been out since 7:30 a.m. because "it's part of my community responsibility."

At Wells Hill Park where a white, pungent-smelling cloud of foot powder swirled around, Harvey Albert, 36, explained that he, his wife Lynn, 36, and children Kenneth, 10, and Richard, 12, were walking "with greater inspiration," having just returned from visiting Israel two weeks ago.

Clad in a sweat suit, Nikki Beck, 15, pushing her brother, Shael, 4, in a stroller, said she and her sisters Charise, 13, Karen 9, and Janice, 7, were walking the distance "to raise money for Israel." Total pledges from parents and grandparents amounted to $325.

Alan Kideckel, 13; Cindie Ludwig, 14, and Arnold Gruenspan, 13, were trying to cover the 22 miles on roller skates.

A man, who identified himself as Brother Romany of St. Michael's Monastery in southwest Mexico, is joined by several hundred youngsters along the 22-mile route of the UJA walkathon. Brother Romany, who said he is visiting friends in Toronto, read about the walkathon in newspapers. About 5,000 took part raising an estimated $100,000 for UJA. (Hoz)

'Terrorism mankind's responsibility'

By MICHAEL BARRIS

TORONTO -

Terrorism is the responsibility of all mankind, Rabbi Gunther Plaut told an estimated 1,000 persons about to begin a 22-mile walk for the United Jewish Appeal, at 8 a.m. Sunday.

"Murder cannot be taken as self-defence, especially the murder of children," Plaut said, in reference to the slaying of 19 Maalot children by Arab terrorists last week.

The Holy Blossom rabbi and Canada-Israel Committee Central Region chairman, suggested Israel should base future actions taken against terrorism on non-ethical premises, since terrorism itself is immoral.

Referring to those who thought Israel should not have retaliated, the rabbi said: "We protest against those who will say 'a plague on both your houses'. We are long past the time when we can be intimidated by terror."

Plaut said terrorist acts will continue until the international community takes decisive action against them. He protested against a growing feeling that terrorism is acceptable.

Rev. George Morrison, secretary-general of the United Church of Canada, joined Plaut in condemning "the cowardly murder of children," at Maalot.

"The United Church of Canada is stunned by this indecent crime," said Morrison. "We wonder if man will ever learn that violence begats violence."

Morrison read an excerpt from a telegram received from Prime Minister Trudeau denouncing the atrocity.

Many persons attending the pre-walkathon rally probably could not hear the speeches. At a distance of 20 feet from the truck-trailer pup which served as a stage and on which were mounted two small loudspeakers, the speakers were, for the most part, inaudible. Restless children's stirring permitted one to catch only portions of the speeches.

World News

Some youthful members of a left wing group, part of the Labor government coalition, demonstrate against Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. The protest took place outside the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem where a cabinet meeting was taking place. Translation of the banner in the centre is "Why should I go alone?" (IPPA photo)

Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld granted bail

DUESSELDORF (JCNS) -

A Cologne court has released the Nazi hunter, Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld from pretrial custody after she promised she would not jump bail.

Benjamin Halevi, a former Israeli Supreme Court judge and member of the Likud Opposition in the Knesset, gave the court a personal undertaking that she would not try to escape.

Through her Israeli lawyer, Arie Marinsky, Mrs. Klarsfeld, said she would appear for trial as arranged on June 26. Marinsky was briefed to appear for her by the Israeli Association of War Invalids.

There have been many protests in Israel since Mrs. Klarsfeld's arrest at a memorial service held at the former Dachau concentration camp last month. She had gone to Dachau to protest against the failure of the Bonn Parliament to ratify the 1971 West German-French agreement. This agreement permitted the retrial in West German courts of persons accused of war crimes who had been sentenced in their absence by French courts.

Mrs. Klarsfeld was arrested and charged with attempting to kidnap in 1971 Dr. Kurt Lischka, who was the Nazi security chief in Paris during the German occupation. Mrs. Klarsfeld, a non-Jewish woman who is married to the son of a French victim of the concentration camps, told the court that she would have a statement to make in court. Her views on the treatment of Nazi war criminals remained the same, she said.

On her release she immediately left for Paris with her lawyer to join her husband.

State department withdraws letter about Syrian Jewry

WASHINGTON (JTA) -

The state department has offered what is a virtual apology for an official letter stating that the plight of Jews in Syria was "an internal Syrian matter" and stressed that this was not American policy.

Department spokesman Paul Hare, replying to questions by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, confirmed that such a letter had been circulated by the state department in response to public inquiries on the subject of Syrian Jews, but said it has since been replaced by another letter.

"Our view, which is reflected in the current letter replying to queries in this subject, is that we are concerned about the fate of the Jewish community in Syria" and "we have made repeated and vigorous efforts at high level to help these people," Hare said. He added that "a peaceful solution to the current Middle East crisis offers the Syrian Jewish community the best opportunity to lead the kind of life free from restrictions and intimidation to which the U.S. believes everyone is entitled."

Hare could not say how long the original letter had been in circulation but believe it was only for a short time. He said Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger did not sign the letter and noted that a member of the Secretary's party currently in the Middle East had said that Dr. Kissinger was unaware of it.

State department sources explained that letters of this kind which resemble form letters are drafted by the department's public affairs bureau in consultation with responsible political officers but not necessarily on the highest level. Kissinger apparently was made aware of the letter when a complaint came up in the Israeli parliament and directed that a new letter be drafted.

Controversy over religion seen as obstacle to Rabin

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

This country is once more torn over the "Who is a Jew" issue and it threatens to be the big stumbling block over which Premier Designate Yitzhak Rabin may break his political neck.

The National Religious Party (NRP) have renewed their demands for "conversion according to the Halacha" to be legally the only method of conversion to Judaism recognized by the Jewish state.

Should Rabin give in, he will find stiff opposition from within his own Labor ranks and from his political allies in the Labor Alignment, Mapam. Not to mention the Independent Liberals -- his current coalition partners with the NRP -- who too threaten to walk out if the religious status quo is changed.

The Liberals also refuse to join a minority government, meaning that should Rabin refuse the NRP demands and ask them to join him and Labor without any other party, and consequently only wield 58 of the Knesset's 120 seats, the ILP would politely decline.

One simple way out would be for Rabin to invite the Civil Rights Movement to throw its three mandates behind Labor and the Liberals, thus giving the coalition 61 votes -- a house majority of one. A narrow government perhaps but one which could, by treading very carefully, win support in the house.

However, the NRP has been a traditional partner of Labor and, but for a year or so in the late 1950s, a member of the government.

When asked why his party does not stop playing around with the NRP, an official of the Labor alignment told **The Canadian Jewish News**:

"Well, to be blunt, we don't want them in the opposition. A political grouping claiming to be based on the bible of Israel could do us a lot of harm.

"They could start saying we were desecrating the Torah, for example, and what could we answer? Since they are part of the coalition they cannot sling mud at us without some of it sticking to them. We don't want them carrying coffins through the streets again."

The latter remark was a reference to anti-government demonstrations calling for an end to all autopsies.

So secular Israel -- about 70% of the country to go by the election results -- will probably have a religious party in the coalition for some time to come.

One or the other of the parties will probably change their minds and back down on their demands and the coalition mixture will go on as before.

Yet the religious demands for conversion according to Halacha will continue.

However, even when conversion is according to Halacha there are cases where it is not accepted by the religious courts.

A conversion conducted here in Israel, by a Reform rabbi, exactly according to the Jewish tradition from circumcision to the mikveh -- the ritual immersion -- is not accepted because the ministry of the interior here does not recognize Reform rabbis.

When I asked a leading official of the ministry of religious affairs, why such conversions were not recognized, what was lacking, he admitted that they may be identical to ceremonies carried out by the authorized rabbinical courts but since Reform rabbis are not rabbis in Orthodox eyes, their conversions too are invalid.

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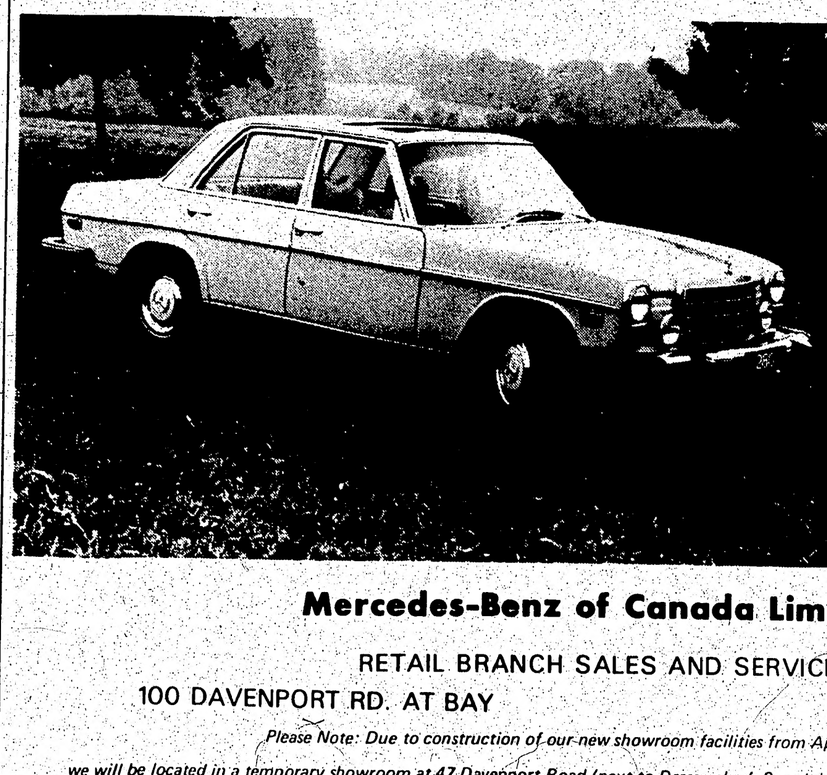

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THEY LISTENED AND THEN WALKED!

Top, Reverend George Morrison, secretary-general of the United Church of Canada, reads a statement by the church condemning "the cowardly murder of children" at Maalot. He was addressing a rally of about 1,000 at Lawrence Plaza prior to the annual UJA walkathon. Bottom, Professor Emil Fackenheim of University of Toronto, with his son, David (at his left) checks in at the City Hall desk — near the mid-way point of the route. (Gadi Hoz photos)

Kosher take-out store is big hit

By GARY LEVINE
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA –
The first strictly kosher restaurant and take-out food store in the city's history opened here just before Passover, under the disarming name of "Yankel's".

In its first few short weeks of business, Yankel's has all but revolutionized the eating habits of the Ottawa Jewish community. It sold out its Passover foods the first day they went on sale and had to keep its ovens hot almost continually to keep up with the demand for take-out foods. In addition, Yankel's catered 300 meals for the congregational Seder at Congregation Machzikei Hadas and more than 300 Seder meals for individuals throughout the city.

Since Passover, Yankel's has been doing turn-away business in take-out foods and at its restaurant tables. (The rule is standing room only on Sunday afternoons and evenings.) So great has the demand been that Yankel's is building a large dining area upstairs which will seat over 100.

The store, which is located at 378 Richmond Rd., in Ottawa's West End, is closed Saturday and is under the strict supervision of the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'Kashruth.

"Yankel" is Jack Smith, a man-mountain at about 330 pounds. "Don't believe him," says his daughter, Karla. "He lies about his weight."

He is known to many in the Jewish community as "the chubby cherub," who has, over the course of the last number of years, established himself with all segments of the community as the leading kosher caterer in the city.

"Why did I open a restaurant?" says Jack. "It's these two characters." And he points across the table at Dr. Baruch Diena, chairman of the Va'ad Ha'Kashruth, and Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka, spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

"They've been bugging me now for five years," says Jack, laughing. "Every week they ask me: When are you going to open a kosher store? I finally got them off my back by opening the store."

Dr. Diena tries to explain the importance of the store.

"This is a city of only 6,500 Jews. When people consider moving to a city this size, the fact that there is a kosher restaurant shows there is a vibrancy and spirit to the Jewish community."

"The city is supporting this restaurant," Rabbi Bulka adds. "It is going to be supported by everyone in the community, and this is going to cause a tremendous spirit within the community."

Jack does not speak about it, nor does his son, Moshe, who is part-owner of Yankel's, but the opening of a kosher restaurant in a city which has never had one, has entailed a great financial risk for its owners. And if people seem to be smiling a good deal as they flock into Yankel's, perhaps it is because they are happy for Jack and Moshe — and for the city — that Yankel's has all the markings of a huge, overnight success.

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Labor condemns Maalot massacre

VANCOUVER –
The Canadian Labor Congress, at its national convention here, adopted a resolution condemning "in the strongest manner the murderous attack by the Palestinian Liberation Front of a school in Maalot, Israel."

The resolution read:

"The senseless murdering of innocent children is repugnant to the entire civilized world. We send our deepest sympathy to the parents of the children, the government of Israel and the Histadrut, the free trade union federation of Israel.

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By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –
A brave man indeed who will suffer his home to be invaded by several hundred women.

Intertior designer Harvey Sobel admits he was a little taken aback at first when Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel synagogue telephoned to ask if he would lend his home for a tea being planned by the Adas Israel Sisterhood May 30.

Proceeds of the tea will go for various Sisterhood projects and since it's in a good cause, Sobel is happy to oblige.

Teas aren't what they used to be and organizations are hard put to find new gimmicks to bring out the women, but a tea in Sobel's house is something else. On the lists of organizations such as the Historical Society and Ontario Conservation Society, it is always the most popular stop when included in tours. Sisterhood president Helen Cohen estimates the number of women likely to attend the tea at between 250 - 300, something of a record for Hamilton.

The house, at 27 Chilton Place, dates back to 1842, originally a carriage house and later a chauffeur's cottage. Sobel bought it eight years ago without even looking inside. He liked the look of the tiny cottage at the end of a cul-de-sac and that was that.

He laughs at the memory of what faced him inside. Today, with some additions here and there, a glass cupola in the living room ceiling to add to the light and airy look, a great many authentic pieces of furniture and other antiques ferreted out on his many trips to Europe, Sobel has achieved a stunning transformation to an opulent setting of the Napoleonic era.

Come summer and the terracotta velvet of walls and drapes is covered with or replaced by grey and white striped cotton, the furniture covered with terry-cloth.

Carpets are removed and instead a few rugs scattered on the polished floor, the furniture shifted around and – voila – a summer home. Beyond the French doors a small formal garden is not too formal to allow for for pleasant outdoor living. "Why bother with a summer cottage if you can have a summer home right here?" he asks.

Despite the formal furniture and priceless antiques a clutter of books, vases filled with flowers, some fresh, some decaying, cushions strewn about and all manner of often-handled art objects give the house a pleasant, lived-in look. "Everything I have in this room is used," he says, looking around.

"A house is meant to be lived in," Sobel observes.

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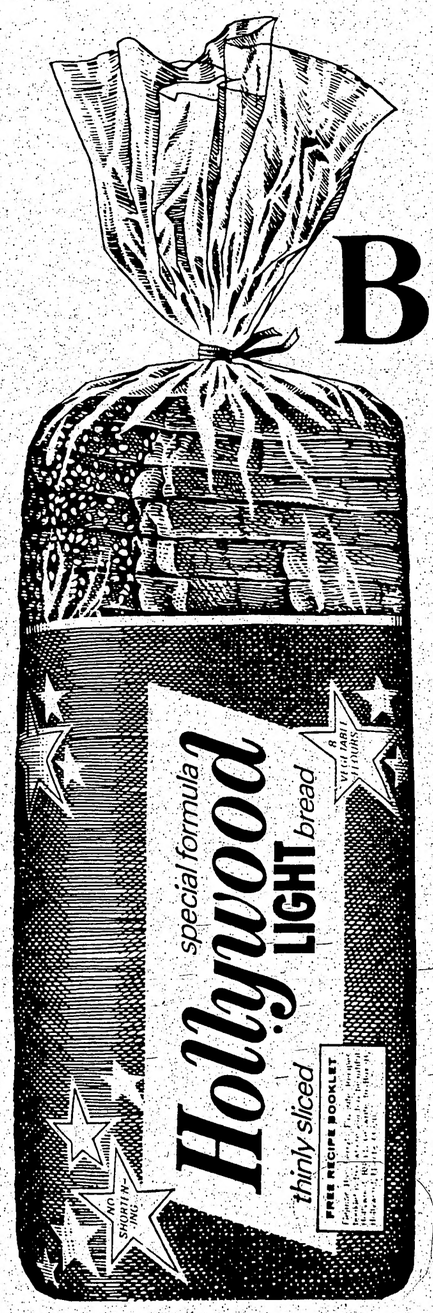

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End diplomatic relations with nations giving sanctuary, arms to terrorists

In the lead editorial of **The Canadian Jewish News** last week was this sentence: "The indifference towards terrorism shown by most nations is a sad commentary on the state of international morality."

This was written before three Arabs crossed into Israel from Lebanon and slaughtered women and children at Maalot. The sentence occurred in an editorial which condemned the Security Council for censuring an Israeli raid into Lebanon but had no words of censure for the perpetrators of the massacre at Kiryat Shemona.

Worldwide reaction to the bloody nightmare at Maalot was unanimous in its condemnation of this outrage. Prime Minister Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Sharp lost no time in denouncing the Maalot massacre, and government leaders in other nations spoke in similar vein. The Pope voiced his sorrow.

But this outpouring of sympathy and the swift condemnation of Arab terrorism are not enough. Terrorist organizations exist and flourish because Arab governments support them. These Arab governments must bear as much responsibility for the slaughter of the innocents as the fanatics who killed without mercy. And Rabbi David Monson, of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue, was speaking for non-Jews as well as Jews when he said Canada should break off diplomatic relations with Arab nations that give sanctuary and arms to terrorists.

There must be no more of this despicable refusal on the part of the Western nations to act positively when women and children are murdered in the name of Palestinian nationalism. The thunderous silence that has greeted every act of Arab terrorism -- sabotage, hijacking, the Lod massacre, the murders at Munich -- must be replaced by action that will do more than pay lip service to decent conduct. The list of outrageous deeds on the part of those who use the cry of Palestinian rights as a mask for their real goal of destruction of Israel, is a condemnation not only of those who committed these crimes, but of the Western nations as well.

Kiryat Shemona and Maalot are two more names to be added to modern Israel's short but bloody history. Are there to be more horror stories written in the days to come? If the conscience of the so-called civilized world remains indifferent to the fate of innocent human beings, then terrorism will feed on terrorism and there will be more Kiryat Shemonas and Maalots.

It's useless to appeal to the Security Council of the United Nations, itself a helpless victim of those countries that want Israel destroyed. What will the Security Council have to say about the massacre at Maalot? Our guess is it will react the way it did following the Arab foray at Kiryat Shemona. And that was to condemn an Israeli retaliatory raid against terrorism bases in Lebanon, but to carefully avoid saying anything about the murder of civilians at Kiryat Shemona.

Terrorism will not give these self-proclaimed leaders of the Palestinians what they claim is their right, nor will a campaign of deliberate murder with women and children as the victims weaken Israel's morale.

Guest Editorial

All candidates should be required to give their views on Middle East

By ROSE WOLFE

Now that a federal election has been called, it is important for us, as Canadians and Jews, to take our electoral responsibilities more seriously than ever.

In any decision to cast his vote, the intelligent and involved citizen will ask policy questions of the candidates and the parties who are seeking his support. He will make his final decision on how to cast his ballot based on the answers he receives. All Canadians, including Jews, will be concerned with the issues facing the country today -- inflation, unemployment, energy, taxation and the other very real problems which affect our day-to-day living.

For Jews however, there may be an extra condition to consider. That will be their concern for Canadian policy with regard to the Middle East. They will want to know the attitude of the political parties on the Arab-Israel conflict. How do they regard the Arab refusal to accept the presence and the legitimacy of Israel as a state? What have they to say respecting Canada's position in the UN vis-a-vis the Arab bloc? What are their views on Resolution 242, trade with Israel, and terrorist activity and are they prepared to become involved in a frank and open discussion with the Jewish community?

Canadian Jewish Congress, several weeks ago broke Congress' long silence regarding Canada's official policy in the Middle East. He stated that, despite this country's long history as a mediator in that area, since 1970, the government has taken a compassionate, though rather passive role. Mr. Rose concluded that "it is unrealistic to believe that Canada will follow a pro-Israel policy." I think we have to accept this statement. However, we begin to wonder when the balance is weighted in the opposite direction.

When Arab states initiated their oil embargo, Canada went the cynical route of the rest of the world, with the exception of Holland and Denmark. Suddenly we became very friendly with the Arabs and awaited with anxiety whether or not they would consider Canada a friendly nation. To be even more cordial, we rushed in to establish a new embassy in Saudi Arabia, the country where the oil boycott originated. It is true this was done in the name of national interests, but many Canadians hoped for something better and less self-serving from a country which is not energy poor.

Recently, Canada discouraged Israel's overture to purchase a nuclear reactor. Energy Minister Donald MacDonald stated that this was done because of Israel's inability to pay. Since then, Canada has sold reactors to Lebanon, Argentina and South Korea and is negotiating the sale of reactors to Romania.

Canada has always tried to be even-handed, but there comes a time when governments like individuals, must take a stand. We would like to think the stand would be on an issue of paramount importance, and that Canada should be a leader in protesting the prevailing double standard of morality with one standard for Israel, and another for the rest of the world.

Now is the time to ask questions of all the candidates. This may place some voters in a confusing position. A political party may have all the answers as far as Canadian domestic policy is concerned, but may not have satisfactory ones about the Middle East.

It will be then up to the individual voter to make his own decision, according to his own needs, and the dictates of his conscience. This will always be his prerogative. Attempts to influence voting can only be devisive and even disastrous. We do not ask for a "Jewish vote"; we do not want a "Jewish vote". We merely ask for the right to know.

Mrs. Wolfe is well known in commercial activities and is immediate past president of the Jewish Family and Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto.

Walkathon was a family affair

This year's UJA walkathon was a big success, and the excellent weather -- so different from the previous Sunday when the affair was cancelled -- brought out thousands of youngsters and adults. In fact, there appeared to be far more parents walking this year than in any past year, and this is a gratifying aspect of the annual event.

The walkathon was preceded by a brief memorial meeting marking the massacre of children at Maalot at the hands of Arab terrorists. The revolting crime has evoked worldwide denunciation and it is worthy of mention that joining Rabbi Gunther Plaut on the speakers' platform was Rev. George Morrison, secretary-general of the United Church of Canada.

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir is nearing the end of her career but not without memories of much that she has accomplished. Mrs. Meir, one of the 37 signers of the states Declaration of Independence, speaks with an Arab during an Industry Exhibition.

A brilliant orator, Golda Meir raised $50 million on a United States fund-raising tour just prior to the War of Independence, when only $5 to $7 million was expected. This prompted David Ben-Gurion to say history would credit her with the state's founding.

End of road leaves Mrs. Meir memories of 'long, fruitful career of achieved dreams'

By RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

When I saw Golda Meir in Jerusalem about two months ago, she appeared tired and on edge. She had just recovered from a bout with shingles, a painful nervous disorder, and the grievious problems she faced -- both within the country and without -- appeared insurmountable. Yet, when this 76-year-old grandmother rose to answer questions before a crowd of 500 or more visitors from Canada and the United States, she seemed poised, alert, knowledgeable, able to reduce complicated issues to managable dimensions.

Making laughing reference to an announcement that smoking would be prohibited in the auditorium, except for herself, she confided: "I don't want to have a bad influence on anybody, but there is no point in giving up cigarettes now. I won't die young." When someone asked if she felt in any way handicapped at being a woman prime minister, she responded, "I don't know, I've never tried to be a man."

Not handsome, Golda radiates a warm and attractive quality. Her dark eyes are deep set, and although she smiles easily, her attitude is not that of a woman who has ever taken life lightly. Her language is clear and strong. Remarkably persuasive, she is the incarnation of conviction.

Now that her long career is coming to an end, it is appropriate to review some of its high points.

In January, 1948, she was sent on a desperate mission to the United States to seek funds for the purchase of arms. Everyone regarded war as inevitable. It was estimated that, at most, five to seven million dollars would be realized -- a small fraction of what was needed. But Golda electrified audiences across the continent. Her appeal was direct and effective. "The decision as to whether or not we should fight is not up to you . . . you can determine only one thing: whether we or the Mufti will win the war." By the time she returned home, a weary but triumphant Golda had raised $50 million in cash or pledges. Ben-Gurion was overcome. "The day when history is written," he asserted, "it will be recorded that it was thanks to a Jewish woman that the Jewish state was born."

In May, 1948, four days before the proclamation of the state, Golda, disguised as an Arab woman made a dangerous, dramatic but fruitless journey across the Jordan to meet secretly with King Abdullah. She hoped to persuade him not to join the anticipated attack on the still-unborn state. She related that the king asked why the Jews were in such a hurry. She rejoined: "We have been waiting for 2,000 years. Is that hurrying?"

Several days later she was among the 37 signers of Israel's Declaration of Independence. "After I signed, I cried," she said. "When I studied American history as a schoolgirl and I read about those who signed the Declaration of Independence, I couldn't imagine these were real people doing something real. And there I was sitting down and signing a Declaration of Independence."

In September of the same year she was appointed ambassador to the Soviet Union. An unexpected result of her stay in Moscow were the spontaneous demonstrations by Russian Jews on behalf of Israel. When she attended the service at the Great Synagogue on the first Sabbath following her arrival, tens of thousands of persons besieged the building, eager to catch a glimpse of her. The Russian authorities were alarmed; Golda was astonished. After more than three decades of Communist rule and indoctrination, the flame of Jewish religious and national sentiment had not been extinguished.

The seven years that she served as minister of labor were perhaps the happiest of her life. She vigorously supported a policy of unrestricted immigration despite the great economic difficulties. She explained: "The new immigrants are heroes in their way -- heroes because they have remained Jews. The places where they came from, it takes a lot of heroism to remain a Jew." This feeling explains why she made it a habit to visit Lydda Airport whenever a new planeload of Russian Jews arrived. There was an emotional scene every time she went to meet the new group of immigrants. They ran to kiss and hug her. What a way to end a period of bondage and begin a new life in freedom -- to have Golda Meir greet you at the airport! There is something unique and exciting about a busy prime minister, worried about enemies and security, taking time out on a regular basis, to greet Russian Jews as they step foot on the land of their dreams.

At the insistence of Premier David Ben-Gurion, with whom she often disagreed, but who had a great influence on her thinking, she hebraicized her name in 1956 to Meir -- which means, "one who illuminates." Among the notable achievements of her decade of involvement in world problems as foreign minister was the extensive aid that Israel provided to emerging African nations. Pictures from this era show the chunky, aging, but still ebullient foreign minister dressed in sarongs, and flowered mumus dancing with black foreign ministers and being inducted into numerous village clans and tribes.

Some of Golda's warmth and wisdom have become part of the folklore of modern Israel. When the Israeli cabinet was trying to deal with a series of assaults on women, one minister suggested women not be allowed on the streets after dark. Golda protested: "Men are attacking the women, not the other way around. If there is going to be a curfew, let the men be locked up, not the women."

When Golda was foreign minister, she often worked an 18-hour day. After two years, her chief of cabinet suggested Golda take a vacation. "Why?" she asked. "Do you think I'm tired?" "No," he said, "but I am." "So you take a vacation," Golda rejoined.

A typical story about her concerns the night of the United Nations Proclamation for Partition, Nov. 29, 1947. The people of Israel were glued to their shortwave sets. When the news finally came through at 1 a.m., the residents of Jerusalem spilled out of their houses and called for Golda. Her friends looked for her, but couldn't find her. She was eventually discovered in the kitchen washing dishes, her favorite form of relaxation. She calmly rolled down her sleeves, was ushered through the crowds in the street and appeared on the balcony of the Jewish Agency.

Golda can look back on a long and fruitful career of dreams achieved. Her place in the hearts of her countrymen is unparalleled. For them she will always remain the warm-hearted mother who said: "What we hold against the Arabs is not only the killing of our sons, but forcing us, for the sake of Israel's survival, to kill theirs.

Rabbi Baskin is spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Sholom in Hamilton.

Delegation to AJC meeting became nucleus in founding of our own first Congress

By A.J. ARNOLD

(Second of a Series)

A. J. Arnold

What impeded the achievement of unity for four years in calling the first Canadian Jewish Congress? The Jewish Alliance wanted a Congress elected by popular franchise to work for "national rights" for Jews everywhere. The De Sola Zionist leadership wanted a conference of representatives of all Jewish organizations that would seek the "emancipation" of their unfortunate Jewish brethren in Europe.

It is wrong to suggest, however, that "the movement for a Congress ceased for about 1 1/2 years" (**Congress Bulletin**, April 1968). Both sides continued with their relief activities. Moreover, in February, 1916, a national conference of the Canadian Jewish Alliance took place in Toronto to resume planning for a Canadian Jewish Congress. It was in Toronto that the Alliance (Folks Farband) enjoyed its greatest support.

Following this conference, the Montreal branch of the Alliance established a "Relief Committee" to continue war relief work and, a "Congress Committee" to further efforts for a Canadian Jewish Congress. The Toronto branch also carried on and made new efforts for unity with the "Canadian Jewish Committee" formed by the Zionist Federation.

In December, 1915, a strong Congress Committee was organized in Winnipeg. By now the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of Canada was functioning in Winnipeg and 15 other western Centres and Congress Committees were established in every one of these centres. In May, 1916 Winnipeg began to plan a broad conference of western Canadian Jews.

This Conference took place in Winnipeg in August, 1916, with 205 delegates representing 18 other western centres and 52 Winnipeg organizations. The Poale Zion and other "radical" elements, had only 40 delegates so this was really the first broadly representative gathering of all elements of the Jewish population. M.J. Finkelstein, the Zionist leader, presided at the opening day sessions. J.A. Cherniack, who had been a Socialist Territorialist, presided on the second day, and Ben Sheps, president of the Immigrant Aid Society, presided the third day. Reuben Brainin represented the Montreal committee.

The Winnipeg conference called for a Canadian Jewish Congress to be held as soon as possible with representation from all elements of the Jewish people in Canada. By early 1917, a new "league" was formed in Toronto to promote the Congress. The Winnipeg committee failed in an effort to call a meeting of all Congress committees across the country, including the Montreal "Board of Deputies" headed by Clarence de Sola. All further efforts to achieve unity in Toronto and Montreal also failed until the end of 1918.

The Congress idea received a new impetus in Canada, however, with the news that the first American Jewish Congress would be held in Philadelphia in mid-December. Five Canadian fraternal delegates were named to the American Congress including Hersh Wolofsky, **Keneder Adler** publisher, who now became a wholehearted Congress supporter, Peter Bercovitch, K.C. who succeeded Reuben Brainin as president of the Canadian Jewish Alliance when the latter moved to New York, L. Bograd and a second Toronto delegate whose name is unknown, and J.A. Cherniack of Winnipeg.

There was some controversy in the naming of the Montreal delegates. What is more important is that the Canadian delegation at Philadelphia met in caucus and constituted the nucleus of a united provisional committee for the first Canadian Jewish Congress. The new committee was headed by Peter Bercovitch and soon won the support of all other groups.

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ask the rabbi

Non-Jew doctors may not act as mohelim

1. What is the halachic viewpoint on mohelin performing non-ritual circumcisions and on physicians performing the act of circumcision for Jews?

Presumably by "physicians" you mean non-Jewish physicians. These may not act as mohelim, the reason being that the mitzva can only be carried out by one who is a member of the covenant people, for that is what circumcision is, it is the sign of the covenant. It is a religious rite which can only be validly performed by an adherent of the Jewish religion. As for the other question, there is no reason why a mohel should not perform circumcision for non-Jews for medical reasons, provided, of course, that he does not recite the benedictions and treats it as a purely secular procedure.

The question of whether a mohel may perform circumcision for Moslems is rather more complicated but the only objections to assisting a non-Jew to carry out his religious requirements are solely on the grounds that it is assisting a sinner to sin. This would only apply where the religion in question is forbidden to non-Jews i.e. where it is idolatrous. Since all the authorities agree that Islam is a monotheistic faith, there is no offence at all in a non-Jew being a Moslem and practising his religion and so a mohel can perform the circumcision (again, of course without treating it as a Jewish religious rite).

AJCS budget in accordance with Israel's 'extraordinary needs'

Israel allotted lion's share of funds; local programs expanded

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

(First of Two Parts)

MONTREAL -

Are you one of those who give to the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund with only a vague notion of where your money is destined to go?

Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS) recently proposed its 1974 budget involving more than double last year's amount, and consequently it is only natural to wonder how all this hard-earned money collected from the pockets of the Montreal Jewish community will be used.

This year, through the customary negotiations between AJCS and the United Israel Appeal (UIA), it was agreed to direct the lion's share of the total monies raised to Israel for humanitarian programs.

It was the largest percentage of the gross as well as the largest absolute amount ever dispatched. AJCS Executive-Director Manuel Batshaw justified it in terms of Israel's present extraordinary needs and the fact that "during the Yom Kippur War it was very clear that the people who made or increased their contributions wanted their money to go to Israel."

AJCS Executive-Director Manuel Batshaw

Much more complicated was the decision-making process regarding the parcelling out of the $3.05 million earmarked for local needs, an increase of 13% over 1973.

The planning and allocations committee, which essentially determines the disposal of AJCS finances, represents a new advancement since it brings together the previously separate budget and community planning people.

Hillel Becker, a vice-president of AJCS and co-chairman (with Barry Clamen) of the planning and allocations committee, described its make-up as follows: it includes one appointee from each of AJCS's 21 constituent agencies, with the balance of the 50 participants comprising AJCS members-at-large.

For operational purposes the committee divided into four sections, and every agency proposes its budget to the appropriate section in two parts: a budget for the old ongoing programs and one for new ideas and projects.

This year $180,000 worth of new programs have been approved by the planning and allocations committee.

Some 55% of that sum will go to services for the aged, 22% to Jewish education, and 12% to youth programs.

Specifically, this means money, or more money, for such things as expanded nursing care, transportation subsidies, a monthly newspaper and hotel vacations -- all for senior citizens; continued counselling for potential high-school drop-outs; another librarian for the Jewish Public Library; a continuation of the teacher training program at university level and an improved curriculum in afternoon schools.

Chairman Becker revealed that all these areas were spotlighted in the 1972 Priority Report produced by a subcommittee and approved by the board of trustees.

The document -- a new, updated version is due to be written shortly -- lists the following spheres (the order is not significant) as crucial and of top priority: Jewish education, services to the elderly, services to unaffiliated youth, programs for poverty sections of the community, the French fact and services to immigrants.

At a time when a large part of the community is agitating for prime and urgent attention to be paid to Jewish education, the two-year-old joint committee on Jewish education, comprising Canadian Jewish Congress, AJCS and the Canadian Zionist Federation, continues to be crippled by stormy internal conflict.

Meanwhile, Batshaw maintains that until a central body for Jewish education is organized, AJCS is not prepared to spend lavish sums, although he predicts a tremendous increase in spending once a desirable set-up is achieved.

"Also, when it's decided what kind of structure is needed, we'll be able to answer the question of whether it includes proper democratic representation."

A second important point is that the Priority Report guides the Planning and Allocations Committee only vis-a-vis new or expanded programs, which represent less than 6% of the total 1974 local budget.

Apparently, when it comes to examining the usefulness or relevancy of the structures and services inherited from past years, problems arise.

Becker admitted: "We are constantly adding new programs but rarely discarding old ones . . . and when we finally do, we have our hands full, since we're dealing with vested interests."

He stated: "It is the duty of the planning and allocations committee to speak frankly to various agencies if we feel changes should be instituted. Otherwise, what we might call 'institutional lag' -- the gap between changes in society, and its institutions -- will only increase."

Land of Milk and Honey threatened by pollution of its few water bodies

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Water pollution has become a serious problem in Israel, and it not only threatens the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea but poses an immediate threat to the Sea of Galilee and the pitifully few streams and rivers which this parched country is fortunate to have in its possession.

Who is to blame for this alarming ecological situation?

Shmuel Tamir, head of the Knesset ecology committee, claims that central and local governmental authorities have paid little attention to planning, supervision and control during Israel's first 26 years of haphazard urban, industrial, agricultural and economic development. But in recent years, he adds, the public has suddenly sensed that "too much damage to our landscape and water resources has already been done."

The big cities -- Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem -- share some of the responsibility for causing water pollution. Factories in the Tel Aviv region, spewing out tons of pollutants each day, have already polluted the Yarkon and Ayalon streams. In Haifa, Technion scientists have detected high concentrations of toxic methyl mercury in Haifa Bay that contain 30 times more mercury than the world average. They attribute this pollution to the dense concentration of industrial facilities -- oil refineries, power stations and cement plants -- which dot the smoky landscape from Haifa to Acre. The antiquated open sewers of Jerusalem, by which sewage flows down mountain watersheds and pollutes the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, cannot be held blameless either.

And along the coastal plain from Binyamina to Ashkelon, a distance of some 100 kilometres, the quality of well waters has so deteriorated that health experts are genuinely concerned.

Worse still, the waters of the lower Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee have become unfit for human consumption, and will be unfit for agricultural uses as well if the present trend continues.

The Sea of Galilee, Israel's one and only body of fresh water, also faces ecological extinction unless preventive measures are taken. The threat to the lake is caused by nitrates from the Hula Valley peat deposits, which enter it from the Upper Jordan; by the uncontrolled use of fertilizers and pesticides; by the discharge of unclean water from numerous kibbutz fish ponds; and by the overwhelming quantities of human sewage from Safad, Kiryat Shemona and kibbutzim and moshavim.

According to scientists who attended last year's World Intercommunal Conference for the Protection of the Mediterranean, pollution is rapidly transforming the Mediterranean, an ancient crossroads of civilization, into a gigantic cesspool.

The critical condition of the Mediterranean Sea is caused by the dumping of human waste, garbage, industrial effluent and holiday litter. Oil tankers, too, spill 300,000 tons of petroleum each year, while refineries leak 20,000 tons annually.

The close proximity of the desert resort town of Eilat to its commercial harbor and oil terminal is a major planning blunder which is taking a heavy ecological toll.

Pollution from tankers bringing their cargo to the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline has already destroyed a good part of Eilat's colorful coral treasures, and could ruin the profitable tourism industry there and in the Sinai Peninsula.

Prof. Dov Por, of the Hebrew University's marine biology laboratory in Eilat, warns that the Gulf of Eilat is seriously threatened with ecological disaster by oil spills from supertankers, and he estimates that the situation will worsen unless loading operations are carefully supervised. He contends that the gulf is periodically plagued by small oil spills of four to five tons. Eighty percent of these spills are caused by human neglect and lack of proper supervision. These spills have darkened stretches of the Eilat shoreline, the site of hotels and beaches, and, because of prevailing currents, can reach as far as 30 kilometres down the Sinai coastline.

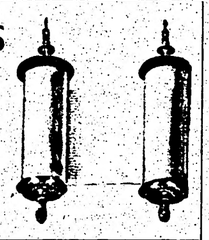
Prof. Por is not optimistic about the future. As a result of the energy crisis, the importance of the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline has assumed even greater importance in the oil trade; the London Observer has called it "the world's most important oil conduit."

Oil spills in the Bay of Eilat and in the Mediterranean Sea, industrial pollutants and agricultural fertilizers will undoubtedly exacerbate the critical and growing problem of water pollution in Israel. As a concerned Israeli put it, "Let's not turn the Land of Milk and Honey into a cesspool."

The haphazard urban, industrial, agricultural and economic growth in Israel has resulted in serious pollution of its few water bodies. Professor Dov Por, of the Hebrew University's marine biology laboratory in Eilat, warns he is not optimistic about the future.

Day of mitzvah altered history

sparks from the torah



Parshat Bamidbar -- ErevShavuot

Vayisyaldu al mishpechotam . . . and they declared their **yichus** after their families

. . . . . .

Poor Shavuot . . . Every other holiday we make such a fuss over. On Passover you can eat where you want, but not what you want. On Succot you can eat what you want, but not where you want. But on Shavuot you can eat what you want and where you want, and the Torah doesn't even care . . .

Not only that . . . Every sentence, word -- even letter -- in the Torah is written with great exactitude. And yet, when it comes to the holy Yom Tov of Shavuot, when we Jews received the Torah, the date of the holiday isn't even mentioned . . . You have to sit down and figure out which day it falls. Why? What's it all about?

But the Torah meant to teach us an important lesson. When it comes to the receiving of the Torah, forget about dates. Sure, one day a year we celebrate that the Almighty appeared on Mount Sinai . . . But a Jew should feel every day of his life as though the Torah was given personally to him fresh -- right on that day.

That's why we find an interesting thing. On Shavuot, the Almighty commanded that we bring a **mincha chadasha laHashem** -- "a new offering to the L-rd." What is the "new" offering? But the answer is that the Jew himself has to be "new". Every day the prayers and mitzvot must be done with a freshness as though today were the very first time he ever performed them. (Kli Yakar)

That's also why Shavuot is preceeded by the 49 days of counting the **sefirah** -- it teaches how any Jew can reach tremendous heights in serving G-d . . . When a person comes to do a mitzvah, or to pray with great **kavanah** -- true devotion -- the **yetzer horah** immediately steps in to do his thing. He begins whispering, "Whom are you trying to fool? Yesterday you committed such and such a transgression. Tomorrow you know that you will slip through the **davening** without a second thought -- and now you want to play the **tzadik**?" But the **sephirah** teaches us an answer. Every day is a lifetime in itself -- a **koma** in itself. Every morning we are born. In the morning hours we are children . . . As the day gets towards afternoon we become middle aged, and towards evening we become old . . . What happened yesterday or tomorrow is not important. There is only now, every second a new now . . . Now is time when the Torah is being given. Now is time to fulfill the mitzvos.

Look how important one day is, for good or for bad. On Shavuot, we read about Ruth, who converted to Judaism . . . and eventually married the great saint Boaz. From their union came a great-grandchild, David -- the ancestor of the Messiah. How long were Ruth and Boaz married . . . 10 years, 20 years? Our Rabbis taught us . . . Ruth and Boaz were married just one day, the very next day he died. Imagine, if Boaz had put off the mitzvah of having children just one day . . .

And for bad . . . King Saul was commanded to kill all the Amalekites, the ancestors of the butchers of Maalot and Qiryat Shemonah. He killed them all off except for one, the King Agag -- who he wanted to hold overnight so that he could make a great public execution. What happened? Again our Rabbis teach us . . . somehow, that night Agag lived with a woman, and from that union came a child, who founded a new race of Amalekites -- from whom we still suffer. If Saul had just acted one day quicker . . . had done the mitzvah right on the proper day, and not waited even one day . . .

No. There is no date for Shavuot, because every day we must take upon ourselves a new **ol malchut shomayim** -- yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven. In this week's **parsha** we read that the Jews were counted . . . What was the counting? But Moses wanted each Jew to realize that individually he is holy in G-d's eyes. And Moses achieved this spiritual revolution -- how? **Vayisyaldu al mishpechotam** -- **vayisyaldu** in Hebrew comes from the word "to be born". Moses told them -- forget who you were, or what your past was. Now you are though you were born right now -- pure and without sin. The way is clear for you to G-d.

May this Shavuot be a new spiritual aliyah for all of us. Shabbat Shalom and Good Yom Tov.

Letters to the Editor

Article skirted Hillel successes: reader

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately, your article on the University of Toronto Hillel Foundation was centred about the issue of student involvement in the negative sinse; and totally skirted the successful implementation of student involvement in other program areas: such as the shabbos program. Yes, there are students involved in Hillel, who not only passively come and listen, or take part in various learning situations (such as the Free Jewish University) and there are also those who DO initiate and actively plan specific programs, and oversee the continuation of them as the student interest lies.

For example, the shabbos program was created largely by those students desirous of a communal meal, and celebration of Shabbos as a group. All work -- the meal planning, cooking (for up to 17 at one meal setting), setting up the tables, dishes -- was divided fairly equally amongst the regular participants; and commitment was totally voluntary.

There are many more positive activities which could be quoted 'ad pleasure!' In addition, I feel the director of the Hillel House, Mr. Ben Mayer, should be commended for his efforts to expand the facilities and activities of the foundation, and for his role in trying to involve the Jewish student body at U. of T.

Yes - undoubtedly Hillel has its commuter problem, a problem in location and its problems in student involvement -- but perhaps **The CJN** should come for a Shabbos and see what students can and do do; and perhaps also come at a time of year when students have time for extra-activities (rather than examination finals).

Elisabeth Vomberg,
Toronto

Revenge urged

Dear Editor:

In the light of the developments at Maalot and Kiryat Shemona, I hope the Jewish people stop this moralizing and philosophizing. It is high time we stopped thinking about world opinion. Let's stop proving to a world which cares little about our humaneness and morality. Let's do unto others what they have always, without compunction, done to us. Let the inequities and murders committed against us and our children during and since World War II well up in us and let this pent up rage be vented against all who threaten our existence.

This is the only language that the world understandings. If "tamut nafski im pilishtim," so be it.

Oscar S. Zaretsky,
Willowdale

Interesting topic

Dear Editor:

I read with much interest about Lorne Rubenstein who is engaged in researching for a forthcoming book on the subject of death and dying.

Early this year I read a book on this subject by another young man, a journalist in the field of medical science **Death As A Fact Of Live**, by David Hendin. I found this book of unusual interest, dealing as it does realistically and maturely with the apparently well-researched facts of life, death and dying. What struck me at the time as so unusual was that it was written not by a man long past middle age but by a young man.

Bryna Sky,
Downsview

WJC 'disgusting'

Dear Editor:

I read with great dismay (CJN, Apr.) that the "World Jewish Congress had cancelled its previously arranged meeting in Holland in spite of the disappointment and regret of that country's prime minister."

Should a prominent or semi-prominent non-Jew or Jew make a statement that has anti-Jewish overtones, our little Jewish world is immediately up in arms. The speakers are making with speeches, the protestors protest its "labedyk in shtetel." Here, a body with a pretentious and imposing name who claims to represent the Jewish people commit a cowardly and inexcusable act and its "all quiet on the Jewish front." Not a murmur of protest from anyone.

I am ashamed and disgusted.

Hal Keston,
Toronto

Newcomers created ferment

Birth of an establishment

By J.B. SALSBERG

(Second of a Series)

My understanding of an establishment is of an inner circle, with similar outlook and interests that sets the tone, influences decisions on all major matters and pretty well dominates a society or community at a given period. This, from my observations, seems to be almost a law of social life and it exists everywhere.

But I also believe that while an existing establishment reflects the socio-cultural realities of a given society or community, a change in the socio-economic base of that society provide the basis for the challengers to the existing establishment. A glance at the recent past of North American Jewish experience will, I hope, illustrate the point I'm trying to make.

Around the first decade of this century the unchallenged Jewish establishment in the United States consisted of a financial elite of German Jews of whom the Schiffs, the Warburgs and the Rosenwalds were the leaders. But the new century brought hundreds of thousands of the poor and pogrom-driven Eastern European Jews to North America. To the "German Jews" these uncultured "Ost-Yuden" breed of whom one doesn't boast even though they may be "brethren."

As the the multitude of Jewish poor that floated like ocean waves to the Statue of Liberty, they brought with them writers, poets, rabbis as well as atheists, Zionists, socialists, socialist-Zionist, Bundists, Territorialists, socialist-Territorialists and a sundry assortment of other radicals, even anarchists. This new intellectual and ideological yeast caused the most dynamic fermentation among the "sweat-shop" workers who came from Russia, Poland, Galicia, Ukrainia, Romania, Lithuania etc. New organizations sprang up to meet the immediate social and cultural needs of the new immigrants as well as to achieve the variety of promising goals that the idealists and the visionaries among them unfolded.

The tight little island of the old Jewish establishment was unable to control the currents of the sea of Eastern European Jews that surrounded them. A new Jewish establishment gradually asserted itself. The new Jewish establishment was based on the concept of democracy -- by and for the people. The people, the "Folksmenshen", through democratically elected bodies, were to determine and implement policy. (Early in the First World War this new people's establishment even organized its own relief agency -- The People's Relief -- in contrast to the Joint Distribution Committee of that day.)

The concept of a World Jewish Congress and subsidiary congresses in countries where Jews live in large numbers was born and gained momentum during the First World War. Though not identical the smaller Jewish community in Canada reflected the developments in the United States. The congress idea was given flesh and blood mainly by the Canadian Jewish "folksmenshen"; the Poale-Zionists were in the forefront of this innovation and it is no accident that the late H. Caiserman -- himself a Poale-Zionist intellectual and writer -- was the general secretary (the highest administrative officer) of the Canadian Jewish Congress for many years.

Congress was referred to, in those days, as the democratic parliament of Canadian Jewry. Delegates to Congress assemblies were referred to as "congressmen" and were elected by popular vote of the people. Jewish political parties, groups and individuals used the usual election methods: signs, posters, election literature, indoor and outdoor meetings in the Jewish areas, etc.

Canada, far more than the United States (because of vital differences) succeeded in rooting the idea of congress among the people to this very day though much in congress structure has changed -- and not always for the better. The new Canadian Jewish establishment was firmly established and even non-folksmenshen were integrated into this common voice and organizational expression of Canadian Jewry.

The Second World War, the birth of the state of Israel, and the critical position of Jewish communities in many parts of the world did, indeed, place new tasks and new responsibilities on the Jewish communities in the western world. These new challenges need to be faced by us but I fear that some of the changes proposed will do more harm than good, as I hope to show next week.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

REENA FOUNDATION

There is to be a public meeting of the Reena Foundation this Sunday, May 26, at 1 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The meeting will be of interest to families with handicapped dependents as well as to the general community who may wish to be involved in the foundation and its work. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Fotheringham, chairman of the advisory board of the Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded. Panelists will include Dr. Harvey Narrol, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and Lee Rullman, assistant executive director of the association.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

Oifn Fidl (The Fiddle), a musical version of Shalom Aleichem's story of a boy who was charmed into studying the violin against his father's orders, will be the featured work at the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's annual concert Saturday, the 25th, at 8:30 p.m. in the Macmillan Theatre, Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto. The cantata is by Vladimir Heifets with text by I.E. Rontch. The choir will be conducted by Searle Friedman with Charles Jordan as guest soloist. Choreography is by Nancy Lima Dent.

BONDS EVENT

The special events committee of the Israel Bonds Women's Division launches its activities for the season with a meeting at the home of Mrs. Hart Levin, Tuesday evening, May 28. Guest speaker Dr. Elliot Markson, Toronto psychoanalyst, will discuss **The Heresy of Sigmund Freud**. The committee was formed to enlarge the scope of interest in the women's division and encourage the participation of until-now uncommitted groups of women in the community.

YESHIVA LAW SCHOOL

Yeshiva University is proceeding with plans to establish a new law school. It is to be called the Benjamin N. Cardoza School of Law in honor of the late U.S. Supreme Court justice.

HOSPITAL BALL

Nostalgia will be the keyword and **The Gatsby Era** the theme when Mount Sinai Hospital Women's Auxiliary celebrates its 20th anniversary ball at the Royal York Hotel, Saturday, June 1. Peter Duchin and his orchestra will be the star attraction. (An added note of interest is that the home in **The Great Gatsby** once belonged to Mr. Duchin's grandfather.) Proceeds go to hospital research.

BONANZA BAZAAR

Sunday, June 2, is the date of the bonanza of Bargains Bazaar under the auspices of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section. The sale features new and used clothing, household wares, toys, home baking and a treasure trove of odds and ends. Doors open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Council House, Bathurst Street.

ART SHOW

An art show and sale of the work of 18 Toronto artists is being held by Club Dayan of Pioneer Women's Organization of Toronto on Sunday, May 26. The show (paintings, pottery, jewelry, sculpture) runs from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at York Mills Estates, York Mills and Leslie, in the Farnsborough model home of the Menkes Developments.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The invitation reads -- Come one, Come all, and Have a Ball, at Temple Sinai Sisterhood's Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 2. There will be food galore, square dancing, and handicrafts and homemade foods for sale. It all takes place from 2 - 9 p.m. at the home of Joe and Helen Berman, 33 High Point Rd.

College aims at 'alienated'

By ROCHELLE CARR

Students take part in a discussion with a rabbi at the Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies.

TORONTO -

While the phrase "alienated youth" continues to be bandied about, a three-year-old school in Jerusalem is attempting to ameliorate this situation in terms of Jewish male college students and graduates.

The Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies (Yeshivat Dvar Yerushalayim) is particularly geared to attract young men who have had little or no Jewish education in their youth.

"We realize those from affluent backgrounds may feel a spiritual content missing from their lives. Some look for spiritual satisfaction in other areas, but we are able to offer them something within a Jewish context," said Rabbi Maurice Rose, former executive-director of the office of the chief rabbi of London and presently administrative director of the Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies.

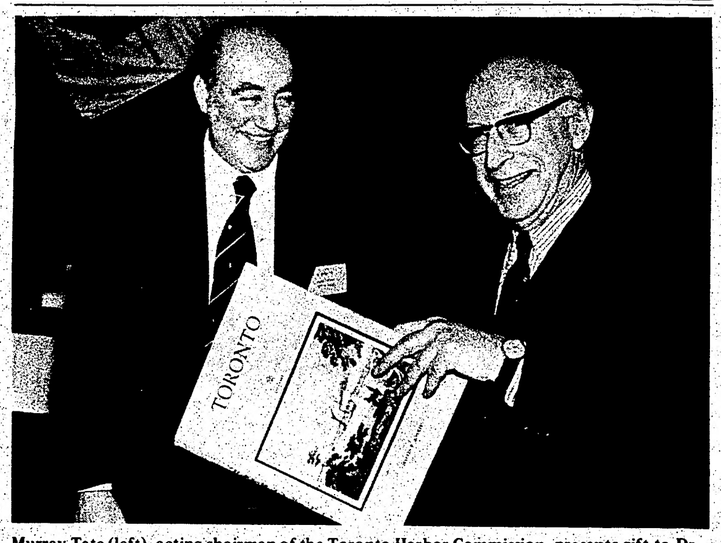
Rabbi Rose was recently in Toronto to attempt to make Canadian young men aware of the school. There is one Canadian student now and there have been a few in the past, but the majority of the school's 75 students (50 who live in the school's dormitory) come from the United States and England. With the influx of Russian immigrants into Israel, a Russian scholar with a MA in mathematics joined the staff of 11 to teach Russian students in their mother tongue.

According to Rabbi Rose, the average student spends one year at the school, while others take advantage of the three-month summer course. The courses, which are based on Talmudic studies, Jewish history, modern Hebrew, Jewish law and Jewish philosophy, are recognized for credits by a number of American colleges, as well as by the open university in England.

"In addition, we try to inculcate a feeling of responsibility to the community so we invite lecturers from abroad, who are active in their communities, to speak," Rabbi Rose said.

Since many of the students had rejected the so-called establishment, there is a considerable attempt to meet their individual needs now, explained the 48-year-old rabbi who moved with his wife and four children from England to Israel a year ago. The dean is Rabbi Baruch Horovitz who counselled university students in England, before helping to set up the school with, primarily, English support. At the school, he allocates two hours a day to private discussions.

...about people



Murray Tate (left), acting chairman of the Toronto Harbor Commission, presents gift to Dr. Ivo Samkalden, Amsterdam Burgomaster, during luncheon at Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

Burgomaster (mayor) **Ivo Samkalden**, visiting Toronto last week as head of Amsterdam's "twin-city" delegation took the opportunity for a reunion with **Murray Tate**. The two met in Amsterdam when Mr. Tate, acting chairman of the Toronto Harbor Commission, and his wife were received by the former Netherlands justice minister during a European trip two years ago. This time it was Mr. Tate's turn to receive Dr. Samkalden (who is Jewish, by the way). He hosted the luncheon given by the commission for the Dutch delegation at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

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Lew Sherman, president of the Metropolitan Toronto Chapter for Epilepsy, (and the first Jew to hold that office), tells us that the organization has just completed a very successful first-ever-in-Canada Epilepsy week. The week, titled **Be Informed**, was proclaimed by all six Metro mayors. Packed with films, fashion shows, TV and radio spots, and 100,000 flyers, it was not an appeal for funds but for understanding (but donations are most needed and welcome). The association is a social agency to help epileptics and create a climate in the community for them to lead normal lives.

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Holy Blossom Temple's newly-appointed director of youth activities **Arthur Grant**, is no stranger to the temple -- he was educated and confirmed there, and taught at the religious school before going to Israel for a two-year stint as teacher and youth advisor at Ben Shemen Children's Village. On his return to Toronto, he took his master's degree in Jewish studies at the University of Toronto and is presently working towards his Ph.D. Mr. Grant suceeds Ms. **Happy Locketz** who served as youth director for three years.

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Ben Beutel, president of Montreal's United Talmud Torahs school system for 25 years, was awarded the Samuel Bronfman Medal last week at the annual meeting of the Allied Jewish Community Services. The medal, a most coveted Jewish communal service award, was struck to honor the late Canadian industrialist on his 80th birthday.

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Canadian Jewish News art critic **Paula David** took time off from her writing chores these past few weeks to become mother of Allison Rebecca who was born April 30. The new little one is the first child for Paula and her husband, **Lee David**.

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With the rabbis -- The first husband and wife rabbinical couple in Jewish history, **Dennis and Sandy Sasso**, were among the eight graduates ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia last Sunday. After graduation, Rabbi Sandy will serve at the Manhattan Reconstructionist Havurah while Rabbi Dennis will be at the Reconstructionist Synagogue of North Shore, Manhasset, New York. **Rabbi Michael Stroh** of Temple Har Zion, was elected president of the Canadian region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform rabbis of North America), which makes him a member of the CCAR executive board.

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The new head of the Weizmann Institute's chemical physics department, **Professor Izchak Steinberg**, is a 42-year-old Sabra who received his Ph.D from the institute's Feinberg Graduate School. He replaces **Professor Shneior Lifson** who has been named rector of Israel's new Open University.

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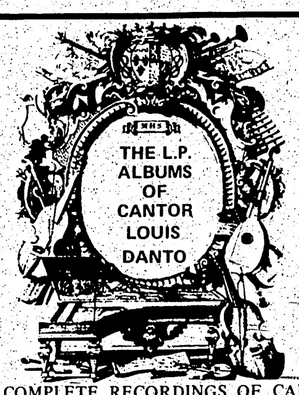
When Academy-award-winning film director **William Friedkin** (he directed **Boys in the Band, The French Connection,** and **The Exorcist**), accepted the Communicator of the Year Award at a Jewish United Fund-Israel Emergency Fund dinner in Chicago recently, he announced his gift of $50,000 would go to the 1974 JUF-IEF campaign. A native Chicagoan, he said that growing up in the Jewish community there "taught me to care about people and to make every human contact meaningful." He made the gift in honor of his mother.



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In My View

'Misconception' is common over the power of AJCS

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL -

There is an interesting sentence in a recent editorial which appeared in **The Canadian Jewish News** under the heading **Parents Must Consider Compromise in Quebec's Language Controversy.**

My comments here, however, do not deal with the actual substance of the editorial, but rather with that one sentence which, in many ways, is the tip of the iceberg on which the ship of Jewish education, or the Jewish day school system, if you will, may well run a cropper.

The sentence reads:

"In the future AJCS may well provide the funds for capital expenditures for the schools, but would be unwilling to pay for total cost of Jewish education when there is a government willing to supply the kind of cash not available to any other Jewish community in North America."

Now, please don't misunderstand.

Whether or not Jews should be willing to compromise, thus essentially accepting the status of the Jewish day schools as "private" when, in fact, just as valid a case can be made for the opposing viewpoint, is something that will eventually have to be decided in the forum of public debate, intense lobbying and, let's face it, political pressure.

But where I think **The CJN** editorial is under a serious misconception, as is a great mass of Jewish thinking in Montreal, is that the Allied Jewish Community Services is some suprabody, omnipotent and omniscient, from and to whom all faith and funds must flow.

In fact, the one important thing AJCS is not, is the final authority which decides what community funds should be distributed where, and whether this money goes for Jewish education or the Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region or the Jewish Public Library.

The prevailing impression is that AJCS has the power and the mandate to decide the use of community funds -- even beyond its own agencies whose functions and terms of reference are basically welfare.

The truth of the matter is that AJCS, through its fund-raising affiliate the Combined Jewish Appeal, is merely the repository or conduit or escrow body for the trust of funds gathered for community purposes, and it is the community which has the final determination in the allocation for funds.

Let me ask:

Because Combined Jewish Appeal also includes contributions to United Israel Appeal, does AJCS dare tell the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem how and where to budget these funds?

By the same logic, if the Canadian Jewish Congress has no right to tell such AJCS agencies as the Jewish Vocational Service or Camp Wooden Acres whether certain projects are financially acceptable, then AJCS has no right to tell Congress that certain of its projects are financially unacceptable.

Carrying the logic even further, I cannot accept **The CJN**'s editorial point that AJCS ". . . would be unwilling to pay for total cost of Jewish education . . ."

The community as a whole might well be unwilling to pay the total cost of Jewish education, but that total community is not, repeat not, the Allied Jewish Community Services and, in fact, the complete reverse is true: Allied is but one dimension of the total community structure whose main segments are the Canadian Jewish Congress, Allied Jewish Community Services, and the Zionist movement in all its components.

This misimpression about Allied's power and prerogatives has been propogated and propagandized for far too long -- to the point of a myth being created that only through centralized action are we to be saved.

Now that AJCS finds its role in the field of welfare, which is the only role it ever rightfully and so effectively handled according to its pattern of development over many decades, being changed by the shifting pattern of the Quebec government's welfare legislation, the myth of kehillah power is being perpetuated by veiled warnings and often not-so-veiled threats about funding.

Well, my friends, I think the time has come to face the moment of truth:

Allied is not the supreme body of the Jewish community -- not by any stretch of the imagination.

And if the Allied leaders believe that with its self-proclaimed supremacy goes control of community funds, then it is a belief that should be shattered promptly and effectively.

Perhaps one way of doing this might be to relieve AJCS of the obviously unfair burden it is carrying in having to decide where every penny goes.

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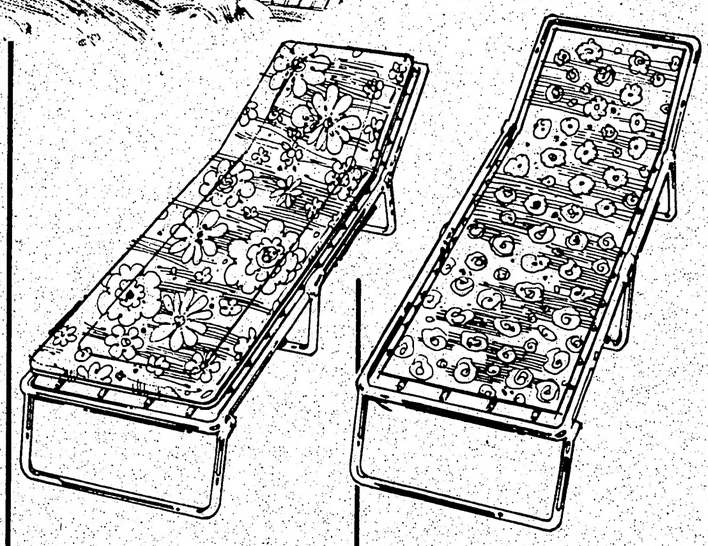

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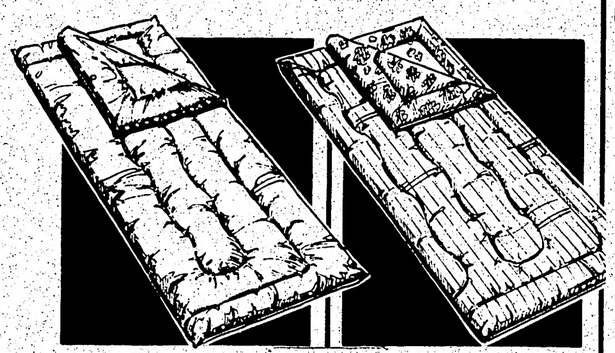

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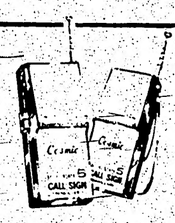

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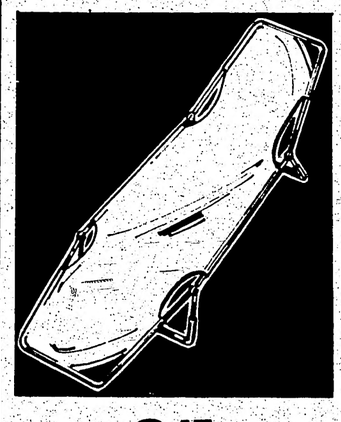

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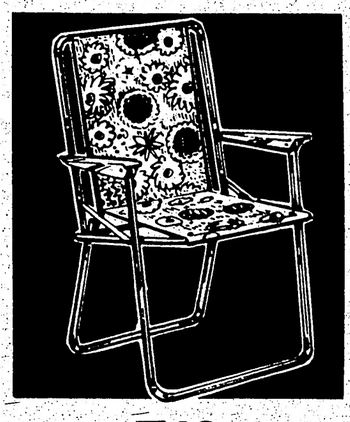

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Since the grim hours of Yom Kippur War our responsibility to Israel never ceases

The oft-repeated phrase, "I don't buy my Israel Bonds until Yom Kippur in Shul", is no longer operative since the grim hours of October 1973. What counts now is to meet Israel's time-table of need in restoring its economy after the costliest struggle in twenty-six years of independence.

The new role being played by Toronto synagogues, their Rabbis, Presidents, Bond Chairmen, Officers and members at large ever since the Yom Kippur War dramatically illustrates the new approach being taken by community institutions and organizations concerning their State of Israel Bond efforts. This year has witnessed a phenomenal upsurge of participation by Toronto congregations compared to former years when members identified with Bonds primarily as part of their High Holy Day observances. For some people this meant turning down the tab on their tab-cards as a token of their support for their brethren in Eretz Israel, and all to often feeling their duty was done for another year.

Not so in 1974, from the evidence on hand. During recent Passover Services, special Yiskor Appeals for Bonds were held in many congregations; other synagogues will make appeals at Shavuoth. One after another, synagogues have scheduled special Israel Bond congregational dinners, advance parlor meetings and other events throughout the Spring and early summer. This high activity level now is the result of the new campaign time-table agreed upon earlier this year by the United Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds, whereby the Bond Drive officially opens on Passover and continues until November 15th.

Equally significant is the growing acceptance by leaders and the whole community alike that previous purchase levels are no longer adequate to meet the new conditions affecting Israel's survival and future. In each of the synagogue Bond events, the emphasis is now on the enrollment of purchasers of $1,000 or more in Israel Bonds who thus become eligible for membership in "Shomrei Israel" (Guardians of Israel).

By Yom Kippur 1974, it is anticipated that all Toronto congregations will have undertaken special Israel Bond events. High on the Honor Roll of Toronto congregations which have already held special "Shomer Israel" Bond dinners and/or other events are the following: Beth Sholom (Louis Burke guest-of-honor); Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda (Herb Green guest-of-honor); Shaarei Shomayim; B'nai Torah and Beth Jacob; a jointly-sponsored dinner. Parlor meetings held in advance of these dinners were hosted at their homes by Herb Green Gerald Shefsky and David Anisman for Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; Mark Gross, Jack Schwartz, Jeffrey Cohen and Sidney Greenstein for Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

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This year for the first time, Yiskor Appeals were conducted for Israel Bonds at seven congregations at Passover, and many other congregations will be making appeals at their Yiskor Appeals on Shavuoth. Included among the congregations which have held such appeals are the following: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Clanton Park, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Shomrei Shaboth, Shaarei Tefillah, and Lubovich Congregation.

Soon to be announced are the dates of "Shomer Israel" Dinners now being finalized by Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom, B'nai Israel Beth David, Torah Emeth Viewmount, Clanton Park, Borochov Centre Congregation, Labor Zionist Alliance Congregation. Pride of Israel Congregation has just set June 18th as the date for their Israel Bond Tribute Dinner honoring Mrs. Eddie (Ethel) Brickman.

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State's fate depends largely on Bonds

David Ben-Gurion, architect of Israel's independence and its first Prime Minister, is also known as the founder of the Israel Bond program which he proposed in 1950. In the first Bond issue that was initiated in the United States in May, 1951 (and two years later in Canada) sales totaled $52,647,000. Last year, sales reached a record $502,137,550. Within a matter of months, the total receipts since 1951 will pass the $3 billion mark.

What these billions of dollars in loans provided by fellow-Jews and friends of Israel around the world have accomplished in the upbuilding of the nation is clearly evident in every aspect of its economy: irrigation, industrial expansion, agricultural development, housing, highways, telecommunications, harbors, hospitals, and the creation of job opportunities for immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries. Exports for example, rose from $28 million in 1948 to $2.5 BILLION in 1973 and in the same period agricultural production leaped from $73 million to $800 million. This remarkable record of performance was made in the face of harassment, danger and war.

Now, in 1974, the Israel Bond Organization has set as its aim the biggest Bond issue ever floated -- the One Billion Dollar Reconstruction and Development Loan. To a large extent the answer to Israel's fate, to Israel's future, is in the hands of the Jews of the diaspora and how they face up to this billion-dollar challenge. This year, because of the staggering cost of her defense needs, Israel's entire development budget is dependent solely upon the loans made available by Israel Bond campaigns. For their part, the people of Israel have more than redoubled the sacrifices they are making through various loans, taxes and surcharges -- tightening their belt to the limit to meet the priorities of survival.

Unless the rate of development is stepped up Israel will be unable to build a strong and stable economy to safeguard its future. This is the great responsibility now resting on the billion dollar Bond issue.

High on the social calendar for the month of June is the poolside "Champagne Reception" previewing the Israel Fashion Show to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buchman on Sunday evening, June 2nd. This is a "first" for the Women's Division, and has already shown promise of being one of its most successful events of the season, for women purchasers of $2,500 or more in Israel Bonds in 1974, and their escorts. A committee of prominent leaders has been hard at work planning the event to the last glamorous detail, at one of the most unusual homes in the city. The Buchman dog, "Prudence" tries to get in on the act too, at a recent Arrangements Committee meeting. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. John H. Daniels, Mrs. Jack Buchman, Mrs. Donald Lipman, and Mrs. Herb Green.

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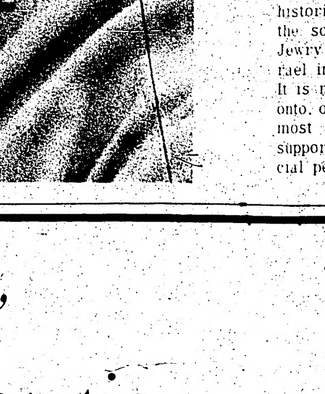
Toronto stake in restoration of economic life-lines $45 million

Strong leadership and a concerned, "caring" community have now taken up their respective positions to back up Israel's prodigious struggle to restore her economic life-lines. Toronto Jewry's stake in this global strategy carries a $45 million price-tag as its share in the target of $100 million in Israel Bonds to be sold across Canada this year ($1 billion world-wide). The men and women who have voluntarily and as a matter of conscience undertaken positions of great responsibility in the 1974 Toronto State of Israel Bond campaign have personally pledged their total involvement of time, energy and know-how in the face of this massive fund-raising challenge. They in turn are strongly confident that in this task they will be re-inforced by the whole-hearted understanding and support of Toronto Jewry, "the best Jewish community in the world in percapita economic aid for Israel".

"Together we are strong," Jack Israeli, General Campaign Chairman asserted, "whether it be at the top-level Trustee Division, or in the synagogues, the women's division, the landsmanshaften, or the trades and professions. It's the solidarity of the community backing up its leaders which will spell out success or failure in Toronto's Bond efforts for Israel this year. We are all involved in it, and there is no time to be lost."

Top row, left to right: Jack Israeli, Toronto General Chairman; Mrs. Donald Lipman, Chairman, Women's Division; George A. Cohon, National President, Israel Prime Minister's Club (Canada); Murray Goldman, Associate Chairman; Jack Buchman, Campaign Vice-Chairman; Walter Bick, Campaign Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Norman Epstein, Chairman, Public Relations Committee; Harry Solomon, President, Toronto Chapter, Israel Prime Minister's Club; Mrs. Felix Opatowski, Sponsor Chairman, Women's Division; Mrs. Sol Goldstein, Associate Chairman, Women's Division; Mrs. Nathan Reiber, Associate Chairman, Women's Division; Max Goldhar, Chairman, Banking and Fiduciary Committee; Mrs. Samuel Sarick, Trustee Chairman, Women's Division; Mrs. Al Silverberg, Jerusalem Sponsor Chairman, Women's Division; Mrs. Gerlad Shefsky, Golden Sponsor Chairman.



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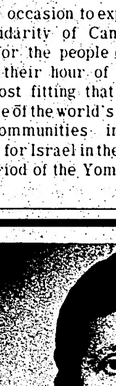

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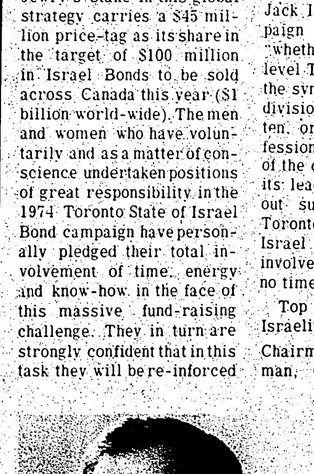

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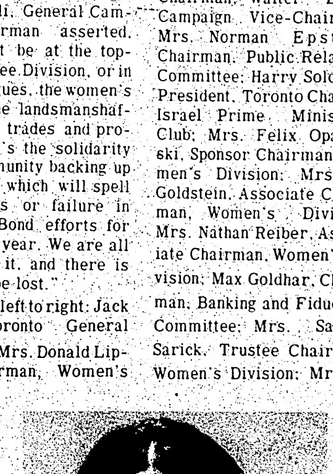

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FASHIONS ON PARADE

By Danit, red silk chiffon caftan and yellow pantsuit. Print on both garments is hand-painted.

Fashion lunch moved up

The Women's Division is keeping pace with the new Bond campaign time-table by advancing the traditional date of its gala "All-Israel Fashion Festival Luncheon" from November to this year's June 3rd showing. Guests at the luncheon will witness a fabulous collection of colorful, imaginative, round-the-clock clothing -- the kind of fashions which have built this industry into one of Israel's top-ranking export dollar earners. Mrs. Murray B. Koffler will be Luncheon Chairman, and as in the past, admission is open to women purchasers of $500 or more in Israel Bonds in 1974. Adding to the glamor of the occasion, Miss Joan McCormick, celebrated TV personality will be the fashion commentator, and CREEDS is staging the presentation. The luncheon is being held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Avenue.

The fact that Israel managed to fill its 1973 fashion orders on time -- and this includes the shipment for the Israel Bond fashion show -- is in itself a major feat when you consider that the entire nation was mobilized for war. One of the most dramatic stories of how the industry faced the severe handicaps of war-time production comes from a high-fashion leather house located in a settlement near the Syrian border. The town was shelled every night and the mothers were reluctant to leave their families to go to work. So the owner moved the entire operation underground, bringing in kindergarten teachers, nurses and several thousand dollars worth of toys for the children. Everyone worked and lived together in the shelter until the cease fire.

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The Israel Bonds Women's Divisions in sixty of the major cities in the U.S. and Canada which sponsor the annual all-Israel Fashion Shows are credited with giving tremendous impetus to the growth of Israel's fashion industry

Freedom Guardians to host Bond dinner welcoming Dayan

On Tuesday evening, June 11th, Toronto's "Freedom Guardians" will be privileged to serve as hosts for the National State of Israel Bond Dinner welcoming General Moshe Dayan to Canada. The Dinner will take place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

Leading supporters of Israel from across the nation will gather in Toronto on this historic occasion to express the solidarity of Canadian Jewry for the people of Israel in their hour of trial. It is most fitting that Toronto, one of the world's foremost communities in its support for Israel in the crucial period of the Yom Kippur War, should be the city chosen to host the National Dinner. It is anticipated that an overflow audience will be in attendance to pay tribute to General Moshe Dayan, one of the great heroes in the building of Israel, for his lifetime of service to the State. Admission to the 1974 "Freedom Guardian Dinner" is open to all paid-up purchasers of a minimum of $2,500 in Israel Bonds in 1974.

General Dayan has played a decisive role in the formulation and execution of Israel's defense plans and policies since the War of Independence in 1948. He was appointed Chief-of-Staff of the Israel Defense Forces in 1953, and as brilliant tactician and battlefield commander won world renown for his exploits and the calibre of the citizen army he helped forge into one of the best in the world.

Although famed primarily for his achievements as an army officer, the fact is that General Dayan has deep roots in the soil of Israel. He stems from the "Mayflower generation" of Israeli pioneers. He was born in Degania, the first of all the famed Kibbutzim, and for much of his childhood and early manhood, he was an agrarian student and a successful farm worker. In 1959, he joined the Cabinet of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion as Minister of Agriculture.

Since that time he has devoted his indefatigable energy and talents to the service of his country as Minister of Defense and in the political arena as head of the Likud Party. Brilliant, controversial, forthright, and a born leader of men, General Moshe Dayan has earned a unique niche in the history of the State of Israel, and the struggle to win and to preserve its independence.

Ticket information to attend the National "Freedom Guardian Dinner" on June 11th is available at the Israel Bond Office, 825 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 511, Toronto. Or telephone 789-3351.

Unprecedented initial support provides giant step to goal

With nearly $10,000,000 in commitments to date, the 1974 Toronto State of Israel Bonds is launched on what appears to be the largest campaign for Israel in Canadian history. Four major congregational dinners at the Shomer Yisrael ($1,000 and over) level and several receptions and parlour meetings for Trustees ($10,000 and over purchasers) have meant that Toronto Jewry has already produced more financial help through Israel Bonds than was attained in all of 1972, and nearly half of the total of last year.

In announcing the results to date General Chairman Jack Israeli declared "The response from Toronto Jewry has been magnificent thus far. It must continue to be if we are to meet our responsibilities to Israel and to Jewish survival". Noting that the outpouring of support in the campaign which was initiated last month is unprecedented, he said, "we pay tribute to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly, to the many hosts and hostesses who opened their homes to fund-raising functions and to the Bond Chairmen of the synagogues and landsmenshaften which organized dinners and parlour meetings. They have given us a giant step toward our goal of $45,000,000. But it is only one major step. We must continue to campaign strenuously in the months ahead to provide Israel with the dollars to make her strong." Israeli stated. "We urgently depend upon other organizations and synagogues and their family members in the community to provide the additional support". The General Chairman noted that only 10% of the community had been canvassed thus far.

The results of the Shavouth - Yiskor appeals, of dinners scheduled in June and of major Bond activity early in the fall will determine whether Toronto reaches its goal, Israeli added.

Support shows dedication

"Shomrei Israel is an honorary society of men and women in the United States, Canada and other parts of the free world dedicated to safeguarding and strengthening the economy of Israel in one of the most critical periods of its history." With these words, Toronto Co-Chairmen of the Shomer Israel Committee, veteran Bond leaders Dr. Norman W. Shaul and Nathan Arback, pin-pointed the major thrust of Israel Bond activities in this community over the past few months which has made "Shomer Israel" almost household words in every Jewish family. It was intended to be so, for the aim of the special program is to enroll each and every Jewish family in Toronto as a "Shomer Israel Family" through the purchase of $1,000 or more in Israel Bonds. The North American target is 250,000 "Shomrei Israel" families to be enrolled this year.

"It is a campaign which has gripped the imagination of friends of Israel across the continent," Dr. Shaul declared. "The sense of danger to Israel's existence which was brought home to wide sections of the Jewish people in the Diaspora, brought with it a determination to do something practical, something in which every Jew could take part, to ensure Israel's continued existence. Family solidarity and solidarity with Israel has found its ideal expression in the "Shomer Israel" Bond campaign and we are tremendously encouraged by the way Toronto Jewish families are raising their past levels of purchase to qualify for membership."

Nathan Arback lauded the cooperation of community groups which immediately pushed forward their usual Bond events and member-by-member canvass to get the message and meaning of Shomer Israel across to their groups. "These Shomrei Israel families represent the backbone of the $45 million campaign for Israel Bonds in the city of Toronto this year, the biggest ever, as we know it must be, because history has proved only too well -- we, the Jewish people, are Israel's only true and faithful ally."

NATHAN ARBACK

DR. NORMAN SHAUL

Club's insignia small in size, big in significance

The insignia is small in size but massive in its significance for those to whom it is presented, and the State of Israel which awards it. It is the insignia of the "Prime Minister's Club" -- a new important element in the Israel Bond campaign -- formed to enlist the support of outstanding personalities in Jewish communities throughout the United States and Canada in the "momentous task of strengthening Israel's economic frontiers during one of the most crucial periods in its history."

Those designated for membership are men and women whose pace-setting purchases of $25,000 or more in Israel Bonds place them in the front rank of leadership and service in the building of the economy of Israel.

The inspiration for the formation of the Prime Minister's Club had its origins in the campaign for the celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary.

Prime Minister Golda Meir, under whose aegis the new honor society was formed, officially inaugurated the Founder-Members during the Prime Minister's Conference in Israel recently. The Club is organized on a national, regional and local basis, with its own organizational structure and schedule of activities.

Serving as National President for Canada is Toronto Bond leader George A. Cohon, who was inducted into office by Prime Minister Meir before an historic gathering of 500 Jewish leaders attending the Conference in Tel Aviv. Harry Solomon has been appointed to the post of President of the Toronto Chapter of the Prime Minister's Club. He has already organized a Prime Minister's Club Committee, and has enrolled 75 men and women as Founder-Members of the Toronto Chapter.

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COMING EVENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The weeks and months ahead will be busy and productive on Israel's behalf as the 1974 Toronto Bond drive gains momentum. Each day brings new additions to the community calendar of events and new opportunities to hear informed Jewish leaders from at home and abroad interpret Middle East and world developments affecting Israel's future and security.

Among the highlights on the Israel Bond calendar are the following:

May 28th Parlor Meeting at the home of Mrs. Eddie Brickman, in advance of the Tribute Dinner in her honor being tendered by Pride of Israel Congregation.

May 28th "Special Events Committee" event to be addressed by Dr. Elliot Markson for the Women's Division, at the home of Mrs. Hart Levin.

May 30th Parlor Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Levy in preparation for Beth Tzedec Dinner.

June 2nd Stashiver Society Luncheon at the Workmen's Circle

June 2nd Zaglembier Society Dinner at Beth Jacob Synagogue

June 2nd Fashion Show Preview " Champagne Reception"-at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buchman, for the Women's Division.

June 3rd Fashion Show Luncheon at Beth Tikvah Synagogue,

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June 23rd Wierzbniker M. B. Society Dinner at Adath Sholom Synagogue.

June 23rd Lodzer Centre Luncheon at 14 Viewmount Avenue

June 25th Tribute Committee Dinner in advance of Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith Dinner, Park Plaza Hotel. Dinner Honoree, Jerry Blitzer.

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It's smiles all round as Herb Green receives the coveted "Masada Award" for his "exemplary service to Israel's economic strengthening through Israel Bonds" at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Dinner in his honor on May 8th. The sum of $900,000 in Israel Bond sales resulted from the dinner and the parlor meetings held in advance of the event. Seen here, left to right, are: Ambassador Avraham Avidar, guest speaker; Jack Israeli, General Chairman, Toronto Bond Campaign; Mrs. Herb Green, honoree Herb Green, George A. Cohon, National Vice-President, State of Israel Bonds, Canada; and congregation spiritual leader, Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

A proud moment for Louis Burke and his sons Michael and Howard as they receive an autographed copy of his book from author and famed Jewish leader Menachem Begin who was the distinguished guest speaker at the "Shomrei Israel" Dinner sponsored by Beth Sholom Congregation held on April 29th. Guest of honor of the dinner was Louis Burke, Beth Sholom Synagogue president, and a dedicated leader in the synagogue's outstanding bond efforts. A total of $830,000 in Israel Bonds was subscribed by members in response to the Shomrei Israel Dinner.

The Mayor of Haifa, The Honorable Josef Almogi applauds the well-earned recognition being accorded Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for its unprecedented achievements in Israel Bond campaign, as Toronto General Chairman Jack Israeli presents the 1974 Synagogue Award to Shaarei Shomayim president Jeffrey Cohen. The occasion was the "Shomer Israel Dinner" tendered by the congregation on May 13th which raised $860,000 in Israel Bonds. Mayor Almogi, one of Israel's foremost government and labor leaders, was principal speaker at the event. Left to right: Mayor Almogi, Jeffrey Cohen, and Jack Israeli.

Organizations and People

Lynn and Skippy Sigel sign in at an airline ticket counter while Tom Bennett awaits his turn. They were members of the United Jewish Appeal Leadership Development Council Mission to Israel. Twenty-one went on the mission.

Visit was 'great inspiration'

Eyes opened for 21 youths by UJA mission to Israel

TORONTO –

"I didn't realize how spoiled we are in this country until I went to Israel," Tom Bennett remarked on his return to Toronto after 10 action-packed days of touring, observing and meeting with Israelis from all walks of life.

Bennett, a bachelor, was one of 21 young men and women, mostly married couples, who were on the recent United Jewish Appeal leadership development council mission to Israel. For 17 of the 21 young people on the mission, it was their first trip to Israel and as Bennett put it: "It was a real eye-opener for someone born in Canada."

Schuyler (Skippy) Sigel, who with his wife Lynn, headed the mission, has been to Israel five times since the beginning of January. "I've seen empty hotel lobbies and streets completely devoid of tourists," Sigel observed, "and am happy to see tourism is getting back to what it was before the Yom Kippur War."

Both Skippy and Lynn expressed the opinion that this particular mission served a vital purpose in helping young Canadian Jews identify with their peers in Israel. "The mission surpassed any educational program I've ever been involved with. We received a terrific reception wherever we went, from Golda Meir to the young men on military duty at the Golan Heights."

Peter Levy and his wife Bonnie found the mission "very informative and extremely well planned. It gave us an insight into all facets of life in Israel in the short time we had there," Peter commented. "I went with the pre-conceived idea that most Israelis were arrogant, but I was proved wrong. They are a fabulous and extremely warm people."

"I saw with my own eyes what Israel has accomplished," said Marvin Barkin, who went on the mission with his wife Judy. "They took an arid land and turned it into acres of beautiful crops. You have to be there to fully realize what the war has done to business, large and small. We talked to a lot of army people who have been locked into their posts for months, resulting in tremendous losses for their businesses. To me it's a financial miracle that Israel has been able to carry on as well as she has to now."

The majority of the mission members expressed an empathy with people of their own age in Israel, and although they detected a feeling of depression and disenchantment throughout the country, they felt it was temporary.

Richard Krelstein spoke for most of the mission members in summing up what that first trip to Israel meant for him: "It was the greatest inspiration to me as an individual."

Basic renaissance hoped for

'War gave us golden chance'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO –

A prominent Israeli politician said last week that the results of the Yom Kippur war have provided Israel with a golden opportunity of effecting what he called a "basic renaissance" in its political and social life.

Speaking before a State of Israel Bonds dinner at Sharei Shomayim Synagogue here, Joseph Almogi, mayor of Haifa and until recently minister of labor, told an overflowing audience that the October war brought Israel its "greatest triumph" – a chance to negotiate with the Arabs on a serious and sustained basis.

Although he expressed skepticism at Egypt's readiness to sign a genuine peace treaty with Israel, Almogi voiced the hope that President Sadat will at least recognize Israel's presence in the Middle East. The fact that this is already beginning to occur represents a "great, revolutionary change," thundered Almogi, a bluff, hearty man with a flamboyant speaking style.

Almogi, one time secretary general of the ruling Labor Party, claimed the Arab states have concluded that Israel cannot be defeated militarily. "This was one of the great impacts of the Yom Kippur war," he said, contrasting the Arabs' negative attitude toward peace after the Six Day War with today's fluid and somewhat optimistic situation.

Turning to the social changes which have swept over the nation since the October war, Almogi said that the manner in which the army had transformed an initial setback into a victory was "an expression of the vitality of Jewish statehood -- the result of our belief in Israel's future."

Almogi said that the social ferment which characterizes Israel today proves the theory that Israeli society has not lost the vitality for which it is known.

"Youngsters, the youngsters who smashed the Syrians on the Golan Heights, are becoming involved in the future of their country," he explained, "and this is an excellent development.

"I'm proud that my sons come home and criticize: they want a better society and more security. And they'll have it . . . We're going to have basic revolutionary changes in our public life."

Analysing the tense situation on the Golan Heights, Almogi stated that a separation of forces between the Israel defense forces and the Syrian army is inevitable.

In a conciliatory note, Almogi declared that Israel "will stay on the Golan Heights with or without" retaining the abandoned town of Kuneitra.

"Kuneitra is not Jerusalem," he added.

Almogi, in an apparent difference of opinion with some of his Labor Party colleagues, described the American stance toward Israel as being motivated by "friendly neutrality."

But he pointed out that, unlike 1967, Washington had not been reluctant to help Israel "openly" during the last war.

Almogi predicted that economic issues rather than political or military ones will dominate discussion this year.

Reminding the audience that Israel has severe inflation and balance of payments problems, Almogi asserted, "We can't afford a recession; we're in a race against time; we have to absorb immigrants and grow."

Almogi drew applause near the end of his remarks when he compared Israel's economic position to that of the Arabs by saying, "The Arabs have oil, we have the Jews."

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Model Marlene Abrams answers questions at a fashion show sponsored by Temple Sinai at the Inn on the Park. The model is wearing a gown by Winston of Cumberland St. From left are Greta Reed, Gloria Acker, Valerie Ross and Estelle Waldman. All are executive members of the Temple Sinai sisterhood. (CJN photograph by David Groskind)

Public anonymity desirable, says successful fashion model

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO -

For fashion model Marlene Abrams, public anonymity is just fine, thank you.

"The more you're recognized, the more it is a hazard because you risk overexposure," said the 22-year-old Toronto ash blonde. "Clients want somebody fresh."

Looking at a portfolio of some of the model's recent work, one could hardly tell it was all the same girl. She has appeared as a teenager in clothes ads, a young housewife in a sauna (an ad for a new community development) and as a sultry temptress in a peasant outfit.

Sitting in a fish 'n chips restaurant, Marlene, five feet, seven and a half inches tall and 110 pounds, with hazel eyes, looked every inch the fashion model. She was attractive in brown--baggy corduroy pants, printed blouse and a Gastby hat--along with a chocker necklace and sun glasses.

She began modelling as a nine-year-old because her mother, Joan, thought it would get her out of a shell. It worked, recalled Marlene with a sigh.

She told **The Canadian Jewish News** she's glad she did not remain a child model because "I've seen the results of some of those who did and they're not very nice people."

After high school at Northern Secondary, she plunged into modelling full time. "I have no regrets; it's a good living, but I'm a housewife first," she said. Her husband is Robert Savlov, a summer camp clothing manufacturer.

Currently working with the Betty Milne agency, Marlene is paid $35 an hour on assignments. However, models have to pay for their own wardrobe and wigs and other items.

Like other models, she doesn't rely only on the agency to get her work. She also attends auctions (she terms them "cattle calls") where hundreds of models are scrutinized on behalf of the client.

Modelling is not glamorous, says Marlene, although she admits she enjoys wearing beautiful clothes and meeting interesting people.

"Lots of time I won't tell people what I do because I get a negative reaction. People think you're stuck up."

Work is work, she commented, explaining why she did not have too many friends in the industry. "I'm a simple person at heart. I don't go for all that pizzaz."

Marlene, who admits to not being that ambitious, said she'll continue in her career "until I have kids and I'll go from there."

Asked why there seemed to be a scarcity of Jewish models, she thought for a moment, smiled and said: "Maybe they have more opportunities to do other things."

Although nude modeling is very profitable (double the normal rates), it's not for Marlene. "I can make just as good a living with my clothes on as off."

As far as advice to aspiring models, she said: "It's a very difficult business . . . A girl should be sure it's what she wants. She should be prepared for lots of aggravation, but it has its rewards. She should talk to people in the industry and be very careful in selecting an agency."

Negev's university is at the gateway to biggest frontier

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

The Negev, encompassing 60% of Israel's land with only 10% of her population, is looked upon as Israel's biggest frontier. At the gateway to this frontier is Israel's seventh and youngest university - the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Dr. Moshe Prywes, the president of the university explained to **The Canadian Jewish News**, it is not only the importance of making the Negev (and as a corollary, the Ben-Gurion University) strong in terms of security and the development of the area's natural resources, but also the importance of the university in terms of meeting the country's pressing social needs.

The intimate academic atmosphere in which the 4,000 students and 900 staff work in Beersheba, is noteworthy for some untraditional approaches to scholarship, according to Dr. Prywes.

This fall, the university's medical faculty will open its doors to the first 30 medical students. Dr. Prywes is a former associate dean of Hebrew University's Hadassah Medical School, as well as a former vice-president of the same university. He explained that, unlike Israel's three other medical schools, the Negev University's medical school will totally link the role of the doctor in terms of his private practice, his affiliation with a hospital and his continued role in medical education via the university. This concept was considered "so unique" by the World Health Organization of the United Nations that they recognized our experiment as a demonstration project to be watched," said Dr. Prywes.

The 60-year-old medical doctor, in Toronto recently as the keynote speaker at the 50th anniversary seminar of the Ontario Hospital Association, expressed his profound hope that Canadians will come down to see, for themselves, the pioneering aspect endemic in the Negev. To provide further information concerning the present achievements and future needs of the Ben-Gurion University, and through it, the Negev area which it serves, the Canadian Association of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, with headquarters in Montreal, is in the process of establishing itself.

Dr. Prywes, who was born in Warsaw and emigrated to Israel in 1951, explained that the university is also attempting to narrow the social gap in Israel. Twenty-four percent of the student body is of Oriental Jewish background, a figure which is double that of other Israeli universities. As well, the university which was officially established in 1969, offers a pre-academic year for those leaving the army who need a preparatory year to acquire sufficient academic standing to enter university. From this program, 86% have gone on to university, many of whom are Oriental Jews, the first generation to attend university.

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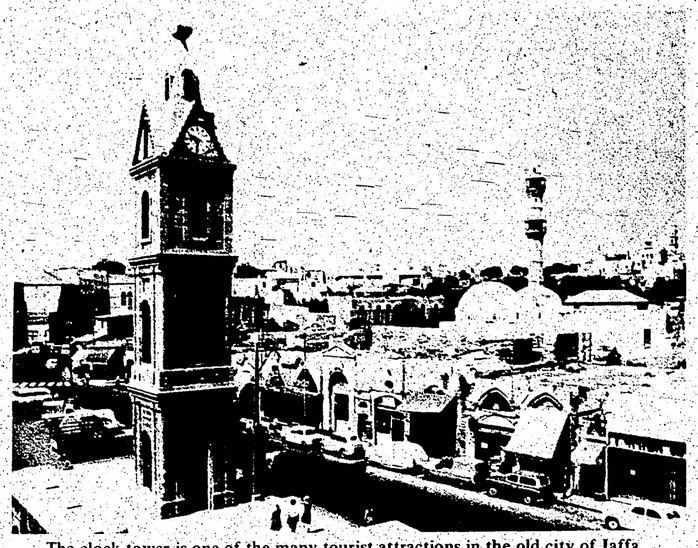
Travel

Jaffa is a 'throbbing neighborhood'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER



The clock tower is one of the many tourist attractions in the old city of Jaffa.

Jaffa is an unforgettable place.

It lacks the glossy sophistication of Dizengoff, the genteelness of North Tel Aviv, the leafy beauty of Ramat Gan, the tranquility of Herzlyia Pituach, or the fresh, clean air of Ramat Hasharon.

Yet Jaffa, which is ancient and highly picturesque, is the most throbbing and interesting neighborhood in Tel Aviv — a vivid explosion of sound and kaleidoscopic sight.

It is, as I discovered after one year of living there, one of the few neighborhoods in this city which evokes heated reaction.

Eli Hakim, who was born in Egypt but who has lived in Jaffa since his parents immigrated to Israel, says: "Jaffa is never dull. It really encompasses the soul of Tel Aviv. It is earthy and real." But Miriam Yardeni, who resided in Jaffa for a brief spell, all but foams at the mouth when the subject is brought up. "A terrible place," she exclaims, "dirty, noisy and deteriorating."

Jaffa lies between Bat Yam and North Tel Aviv. Bat Yam, a sprawling neighborhood characterized by sterile, white-washed apartment blocks, is largely inhabited by younger couples who, though unable to afford a better location, are nevertheless secure enough not to have to live in Jaffa. North Tel Aviv, a fairly new, nouveau riche residential section which consisted of sand dunes and orange groves a mere 25 years ago, may be only five to 10 miles from Jaffa. But, in sociological terms, North Tel Aviv is as far from Jaffa as Bulgaria or Morocco are from Toronto or Montreal.

No wonder that status conscious North Tel Avivians half jokingly say that are in "Chutz L'Haretz" -- abroad --whenever they find themselves watching a soccer game at Bloomfield Stadium, which sits right in the heart of Jaffa.

Jaffa, without mincing words, is poor -- a working class neighborhood populated mainly by Bulgarians, Romanians, Moroccans and Israeli Arabs, who did not flee the country during the 1948 war.

Despite its general poverty, Jaffa is an amazingly picturesque place. Its variegated landscape is dominated by church spires, mosques, ancient synagogues, Levantine courtyards, red-tiled roofs, slow moving donkeys lugging carts overflowing with ripe fruits and vegetables, shouting hawkers, Middle Eastern restaurants, pungent spice shops and colorful characters.

The main street running through Jaffa, Jerusalem Boulevard, is tree-lined and full of birds whose insistent trill drowns out the humming traffic. And all along the boulevard, which is invariably congested with cars, trucks and horse drawn wagons, rough hewn vendors shout at the top of their voices, urging passerbys to indulge their taste in whatever they are selling.

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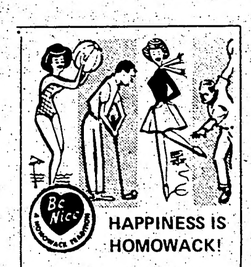

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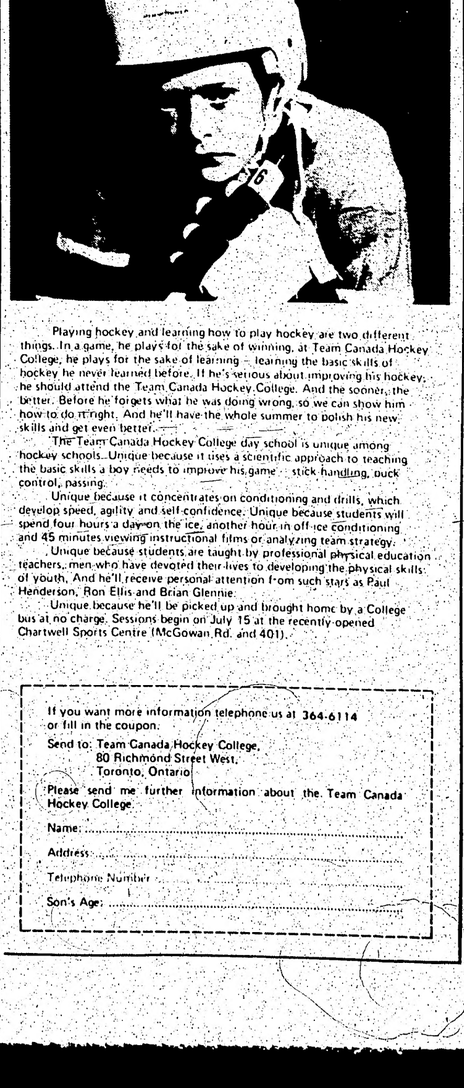
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Canadians donate Mobile Musical Unit

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO –

Next time you are in Israel, take special notice of the station wagons criss-crossing the land from Eilat in the south to Safed in the north. One of them just might be a Mobile Music Unit (hereafter referred to as MMU) bringing musical culture to the country's development towns and outlying settlements.

A MMU is just what it says it is -- a station wagon equipped with audio-visual material and musical instruments, plus a teacher-driver-mechanic, all rolled into one, who visits settlements far from the music centres of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

So far, there are seven MMUs serving some 110 centres with a total audience attendance of 50,000.

These units are a project of the Committee for Musical Programs in Immigration Settlements, under the auspices of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation in co-operation with the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Now the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, with headquarters in Toronto, has undertaken to donate a fully-equipped unit to the program.

The Canadian foundation was founded about 12 years ago by a group of Torontonians for the purpose of establishing exchange scholarships in the arts between Israel and Canada. Since its inception, the foundation has made it possible for several young Israelis to study in Canada and as many young Canadians to study in Israel.

In fact, the foundation can claim credit for the marriage between scholarship recipients Israeli violinist Joseph Peleg, who studied at the University of Toronto, and Canadian pianist Judith Kennedi, who studied in Israel. The two young musicians met for the first time when they gave a joint recital in Israel about 2 1/2 years ago. They were married shortly thereafter, returned to Canada and are now taking their masters degrees at the University of Indiana.

This is a Mobile Musical Unit (MMU) bringing musical culture to Israel's development towns and outlying settlements. Station wagon is equipped with audio-visual material.

CICF scholarships, representing full tuition, accommodation and transportation, are awarded for exceptional talent and merit in the arts whether it be poetry, music, painting, drama or writing. Recipients are chosen by an advisory board that reads like a Who's Who of Canada's great talents.

The scholarships have been funded in the past by such fund-raising efforts as the foundation sponsored appearance of the Gadna Youth Orchestra and the Israeli Philharmonic in Toronto.

The contribution of the MMU by the Canadian group is in addition to the regular scholarship program. Actually, the commitment was made by the CICF board prior to the Yom Kippur War. But since cultural programs take a back seat to survival priorities, the foundation's activities were of necessity curtailed during the war and its aftermath. However, "the time has now arrived when we must do everything possible to raise the morale of the people in Israel," says president David Raitblat. And the foundation's projects are now going full steam ahead.

First on the agenda is the annual meeting set for Wednesday, June 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kay. Guest speaker on that occasion will be Mrs. Meira Geyra, of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation's advisory board.

Then, there's a concert planned for Oct. 16 at Massey Hall featuring young Israeli pianist Ilana Vered who has appeared with major orchestras in Israel and the U.S.

But at the top of the foundation's present priority list is the drive for new members -- persons interested in the concept of helping nurture Israeli culture and promoting young Canadian and Israeli talent. If you are interested, all it takes is $20 annually per couple or $10 for a single membership, and a phone call to the CICF office at 102 Bloor St. W.

Schochet probes the new morality

By ANNE F. KORN

TORONTO –

The "new morality's" emphasis on feeling and impulse is somewhat akin to the romanticism of the past, says Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, Humber College philosophy professor.

At a conference entitled **Woman and her World- Directions '74**, Rabbi Schochet defined the new morality "as the old immorality legitimized."

He encouraged 125 members of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation to examine today's cultural features which the new morality condemns, such as stagnation, and the all-pervading hypocrisy of the establishment, including the synagogue.

Discussing its weaknesses, the rabbi of Kielcer Congregation maintained that the school of the old God "looked for compromise."

Being more concerned with its image than its beliefs was a detrimental preoccupation, he said.

It was not Reform or Conservative which destroyed Yiddishkeit, but the old Orthodoxy, he asserted.

Orthodoxy at present is undergoing an identity crisis, he observed. The struggle exists between the new God or militant Orthodoxy and the old God.

The speaker said that orthodoxy means a firm unshakeable belief in "the divine character of Torah" -- an eternal thing.

As it is also a belief in consistency, the dichotomy of Reform Jew goes counter to Torah, he continued. He opposes Reform practice of "be a Jew in the home, and a 'mensch' outside."

Although the rabbi pro-

Artist, writer is dead

TORONTO –

Otto Schneid, noted artist and writer, is dead at the age of 74.

Among his seven published books, four were on art history. He also wrote **The Man-Made Hell -- A Search for Rescue**, a volume of poetry in German, and **The Illustrated Book of Ruth**.

A native of Czechoslovakia, he studied at the University of Vienna. As an artist, he had one-man shows in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. His work hangs in such renowned institutions as the British Museum in London, Palazo Pitti, Florence, and the Roosevelt Memorial Library in Hyde Park, N.Y.

He leaves his wife, Miriam, consultant on the Board of Jewish Education.

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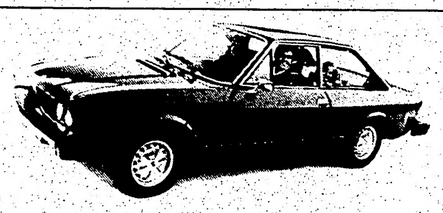

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Hundreds brave uncertain weather to attend symbolic prisoner's meal

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fering from partial deafness. Even had her health been better, the conditions in which she is forced to exist -- hard labor, exposure during the harsh winters, lack of medical care and a diet insufficient for minimum subsistence -- are unlikely to permit her to survive much longer.

Standing beside an empty chair, symbolically reserved for Sylva, Genya Intrator, chairwoman of Women for Soviet Jewry, who opened the meeting, called upon the Soviet Union to act in compliance with its own constitution and its ratification of the UN Declaration of Human Rights which provides for freedom of movement and residence. She introduced guests Ron Atkey MP, Alderman Esther Shiner, Alderman David Smith, Michael Eben of the Toronto Argonauts, Professor Irvine Glass and Philip Givens, MPP.

"Repression of Jews is done out of fear," declared Professor Glass who heads the Aeronautical Institute at the University of Toronto. "It is done out of fear by one of the largest nations in the world which shudders to allow its citizens the basic freedoms." Messages from Prime Minister Trudeau, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp, Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield and Mayor David Crombie, which affirmed those freedoms, were delivered.

Also present on the rostrum were several cousins of Sylva from Hamilton. One of them, Dan Adler, is an interview with The CJN, told of their efforts on behalf of their imprisoned cousin.

At the time of her trial they attempted to send a lawyer to the Soviet Union. They have made repeated representations to the Soviet authorities in an endeavor to sponsor Sylva's passage to Canada or Israel. Showing a picture of another Russian cousin, a recent arrival in Israel, he emphasized that only public pressure through demonstrations and publicity could help to free them all.

Rosenberg sees synagogue divided

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ment were obviously and apparently never a sincere desire on their part.

I am terribly sorry for the membership of Beth Tzedec, among whom it is my privilege to have thousands of friends. This unreasonable act in the face of all good reason and wisdom on the part of a tiny handful of members of the board who refuse to consult the membership on such a momentous decision at this time in the congregation's life, will only divide an already-divided congregation that much more. It is tragic for the members that brothers will be divided against brothers, families against families.

Now would have been the proper time to heal the wounds of a virtually moribund congregation. Instead, a precipitous, wilful action has been taken which can only hurt the individual members of the congregation."

Dr. Weinberg denies allegations

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fact the RA membership were presented at their convention only with selective information on a slide projector.

Not all the facts were given by Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive director of the RA, and Rabbi Nadich, outgoing RA president -- both of whom have lifetime contracts. They so acted as perhaps any other professional or trade leaders might act. The accused were not permitted adequate opportunity for explanation -- in fact, one was not even there. This is totally contrary to Jewish law and custom. Many rabbis, though the minority, voted against the expulsion, as did by letter all the 20-odd Conservative rabbis living in, or on sabbatical, in Israel.

I regret the letter I'm drafting to send to the congregation announcing Rabbi Friedberg's appointment has been somewhat preempted by the provocative newspaper releases Rabbi Rosenberg has made to all the Toronto newspapers.

Mr. Max Nemoy, Q.C., one of our past presidents, was chairman of a large committee of the general membership whose responsibility it was to recommend to the board the qualities they consider to be of major priority in our next rabbi. Mentschlichkeit was their number one priority and prerequisite. The ability to relate to people and youth came next.

Rabbis come and rabbis go, but concern for Klal Yisrael has always been and will continue to rest in the hands of lay leadership."

Democratic education

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expanded version of the currently existing Joint Committee on Jewish Education, which they believe must be "strengthened and broadened" beyond its present make-up (of CJC, AJCS and the Canadian Zionist Federation) to include "a majority of elected representation of parents, teachers and qualified and concerned community members."

Moreover, "no single sponsor can exercise veto power in the Joint Committee," and "it must elect its own chairman in a democratic fashion, appoint necessary staff and subcommittees . . ." -- all these being safeguards of the committee's independence.

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Usually amalgamations between synagogues and other organizations take place when there have been geographic changes or one of the partners, through external circumstances, can no longer fulfill its potential for service. Here, however, the leadership of the two synagogues felt that they could better serve their own membership and the Jewish community of North York by merging two Hebrew schools now to be known as "The United Congregational Schools of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and B'nai Israel Beth David."

In this current school year both schools have a combined population of over 500 students. Ever since the two synagogues were established in the northwestern section of Metro in the late 50s, they have fulfilled their obligations of providing educational and youth programs for their own congregants and the community at large. However, the rabbis of the two congregations, Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth and Albert Pappenheim of B'nai Israel, in discussing their common goals as well as looking ahead in the future, came to the conclusion that the combining of resources would make for better educational facilities for all concerned.

It would enable the streaming of more students into homogeneous classes according to their abilities, better class structures and maximum use of qualified teachers. In addition, with educational costs and school budgets spiraling upwards, it would bring about considerable financial savings by sharing of administrative and other costs.

Although classes will be taking place in two buildings, it will be one school serving a wider geographic area in Downsview and North York. The advantages of having a school associated with a synagogue will not be lost either, Rabbi Kelman said students will continue to identify with their synagogue knowing that they are required to attend Sabbath services and participate in other activities together with other members of the family.

In past years, both schools have had approximately 50% of non-affiliated families register their children. Both synagogues have always had all their programs available to the community at large.

There will be one educational director working in close conjunction with the rabbis and the school committee. The fact that most of the children will continue to remain in the same buildings will ensure a sense of continuity. Parents of the community will have a choice except when it is not in keeping with academic philosophy of the school.

The primary and high school departments will be combined for better programing and better use of teachers and facilities.

Ruth Schwartz (left) and Bryna Hyman, co-chairmen of Young Women's Leadership, prepare to check in at Toronto Airport prior to leaving for Israel on a mission. (Hoz)

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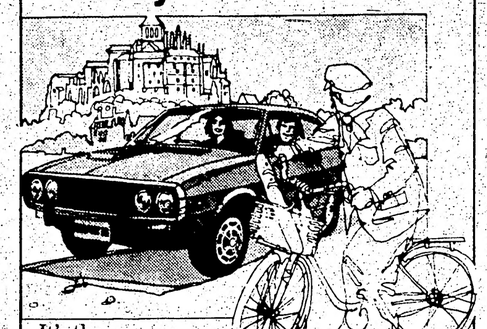

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'Hand that rocks cradle can also write cheques'

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

Marriage in Canada is becoming an equal economic partnership, H. Allen Leal, noted law reformer, told a recent Christian-Jewish dialogue session at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

"The hand that rocks the cradle is also capable of writing cheques," said Leal, Ontario Law Reform Commission chairman and former dean of Osgoode Hall. The self-professed "lawyer by profession, law reformer by conviction and Anglican by birth" was addressing the 150 people present on Law Reform: How will this affect Christian and Jewish family life?

The former governor-general's medal winner and Rhodes scholar is well able to speak on the subject -- in March he presented his commission's 943-page report on family law to the provincial government.

The 57-year-old law reformer was especially critical of "the anomalies and anachronisms still in our law." He said much of what governs our family property law dates back to British law of 1670. As well, much of our present laws governing the status of illegitimate children and the rights of inheritance find their beginnings in church law dating back to 1235.

He noted that during divorce proceedings, husbands and wives very often try to get back at each other through their children. "We need legal representation for children. We don't own our children. Very frequently, I fear, they are treated both inside and outside the law as chattels," he said.

Leal went on to recommend, unequivocally, that all children should have the same status whether born inside or outside a marriage. The term "illegitimate children" should be deleted from all law and "hopefully, eventually it will be gone from common parlance," he said.

In noting the incidence of divorce was rising (in 1967, a year before the new divorce laws, there were 11,165 divorces in Canada and in 1969, a year after the new laws, there were 26,079 divorces), he said that because of the profound social and legal aspects of divorce "there may be something gained by causing parties to slow down and take a second look."

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